

The Charter
Rotary Club of Penrith



*This certifies that the Rotary Club of
Penrith, Australia*

*having been duly organized and having agreed,
through its officers and members, to be bound by the
Constitution and By-laws of Rotary International
which agreement is evidenced by the acceptance of
this certificate, is now a duly admitted member of*

*Rotary International
Club No. 6125*

*and is entitled to all the rights and privileges of
such membership.*

*In witness whereof the seal of Rotary
International is hereto affixed and the signatures of
its officers, duly authorized, are subscribed hereto this
sixteenth day of November, Anno Domini 1945.*

J. W. W. W.

President, Rotary International

Philip B. ...

Secretary, Rotary International

Recommended by

[Signature]

District Governor

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Paul P Harris

ROTARY



THE FOUR-WAY TEST
of the things we think, say or do

first
Is it the TRUTH?


second
Is it FAIR to all concerned?

third
Will it build GOODWILL
and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

fourth
Will it be BENEFICIAL to
all concerned?

INTERNATIONAL

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THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY IS TO ENCOURAGE AND FOSTER THE IDEAL OF SERVICE AS A BASIS OF WORTHY ENTERPRISE AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO ENCOURAGE AND FOSTER:

1. THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACQUAINTANCE AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE;
2. HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS IN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS; THE RECOGNITION OF THE WORTHINESS OF ALL USEFUL OCCUPATIONS; AND THE DIGNIFYING OF EACH ROTARIAN'S OCCUPATION AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE SOCIETY;
3. THE APPLICATION OF THE IDEAL OF SERVICE IN EACH ROTARIAN'S PERSONAL, BUSINESS, AND COMMUNITY LIFE;
4. THE ADVANCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, GOODWILL, AND PEACE THROUGH A WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONS UNITED IN THE IDEAL OF SERVICE.

THE TURNING WHEEL

THE STORY OF THE FIRST 70 YEARS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PENRITH 1945-2015

PREFACE

In order to do justice to an update of our club's history I have provided here the Preface written by PP Doug Watson who, with the assistance of PP Warren Pinfold, compiled The Turning Wheel for the first 50 years;

The desirability of compiling a history of the activities of the Rotary Club of Penrith was realized in the tenth year. Charter President, the late Oscar Fletcher carried out the task and submitted his work to the Board of Directors, According to minutes of the Board found by P.P. Warren Pinfold, the Board decided to defer printing the work at that stage. Unfortunately, no trace of it can be found. As years passed and as older members left the Club and in many cases died, the need to compile a history of the Club became urgent.

In 1973 the author was asked to investigate sources of information available with a view to compiling the story. Many enquires were made in relation to records and many former members contacted with unsatisfactory results. Minute books prior to 1963 appeared to have been lost. Some valuable information was obtained from Charter President Oscar Fletcher relating to events leading up to the formation of the Club and during the first year following its Charter.

During 1978 a minute book and an attendance book covering 1945-1947 were found and also a minute book for 1963-1968. During February 1979 Mrs Dengate, a daughter of the late P.P. Mac McArthur, discovered a pile of old bulletins which contained valuable information. The compilation of the history was then commenced but had to be almost completely revised when on 30th April 1979, the minutes meetings from 1945-1963 were found.

Minute books record only decisions and determinations and lack the human touch, the full story behind those decisions, so the years since 1967 are covered in greater detail than the earlier years because Annual Reports were published after that year.

When the reader considers the text he should bear in mind the following facts; It should be realized that prior to 1939, Rotary had made little impact in Australia. Its growth was stifled by the World Depression and then by the Second World War, so the formation of the Rotary Club of Penrith in 1945 can be seen as the beginning of an explosion which has spread the growth of Rotary worldwide in the intervening years. In fact, Penrith Club was one of the first clubs chartered after World War 2.

Penrith had a population of under 4,000 in 1945, it was a small rural town with little industry, so it was necessary to include St.Marys, a town of similar size within the territorial limits of the Club and to recruit eight members from there in order to fill sufficient classifications to form the Club.

The presentation of the Charter was a major event in Penrith, as it was the first Service Club in the Nepean District. The Club and its members were held in high esteem by the townsfolk. Many members then and since have performed notable service for the community outside the perimeter of Club Service projects but within the ambit of the Objects of Rotary.

The Charter Members founded something far larger and greater in effect than they could have envisaged at the time, affording an opportunity of sharing Rotary Service with so many men for the welfare of so many people.

The Club History from 1945-1979 was published at the end of the latter year. It is to be hoped that the story of the subsequent years provides a more detailed account of members' work and achievements, of greater interest to its readers.

Since the Club was founded Penrith has grown from a small rural centre into a large city engaged in wide manufacturing and commercial activities and providing homes for many who work closer to Sydney.

Apart from sponsoring Rotary Clubs in surrounding areas Penrith Club has fostered two additional clubs in Penrith itself - South Penrith in 1977 and Penrith Daybreak, a breakfast Club in 1994. The South Penrith Club has performed excellently and can no longer be regarded as "new", while Penrith Daybreak, now known as Nepean is operating well, due in large measure to the experience of former members of Penrith Club who transferred to it.

In the conclusion to the first volume of the Club's history the Author referred to the future role of Rotary in general and Penrith Club in particular in the following words:- "I am confident that in the years ahead the Rotary Club of Penrith will grow in stature and effectiveness. The Club enters the final decades of this 20th century with a membership of greater potential talent for effective Rotary Service than in the past. I believe that this Club and Rotary generally will exist so long as there is a human cry for help and men motivated by the noble Objects of Rotary, to hear that cry and meet the need".

Looking back over the intervening years the Club has grown in stature and effectiveness and that it and Rotary generally is hearing the cry and meeting the need. This is the history of the Club, incomplete as it may be - we cannot change it - the future lies before us and our successors. The future can be changed for the better, it is in our and their hands.

In the introduction to the first volume the "Turning Wheel" the Author expressed his thanks for the encouragement given by P.P. Trevor Hitchcock and the assistance given by the undermentioned during the search for and collection of information:- P.P.'s Nick Kepreotis and "John" Knox, Charter member and treasurer respectively, and Guy Waldin, who have all since died, P.P. Alex Taylor who served twice as President and Gordon Lauder was the keeper of membership records for many years. I am also indebted to the late Mrs M. Cram, widow of P.P. John Cram, Mrs N. Trotter, sister of the late P.P. John Empson, Mrs Dengate daughter of the late P.P. Mac McArthur and Mr.. Frank Fletcher son of Charter President the late Oscar Fletcher. Since writing the foregoing, I have realised that the hours of work in preparing final drafts for the printers carried out by Vice Pres. John Scott should also be acknowledged.

One member's work and assistance cannot be allowed to pass without special mention. P.P. Warren Pinfold has pressed on ensuring that the work in general proceeded. He has checked facts and corrected errors and omissions, put my handwritten drafts through his word processor and prepared membership records checking the periods of membership and classifications of all members. P.P. Warren recovered many records, certificates, photographs and the like which had somehow fallen into members and other hands - to him my sincere thanks and my acknowledgment that this history would not have been ready for publication without his work as editor

Douglas H. Watson

When the club Celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2005 PP Brian Corlis prepared an addendum for the years 1996-2005. Here is his Preface;

THE NEW MILLENNIUM 1996 -2005

Since the preparation of the History of Penrith Rotary Club by PP Doug Watson PHF and PP Warren Pinfold PHF, time has inexorably moved on and it is my pleasure to document the activities of Penrith Rotary into the new millennium. Since receiving it's charter on 16th November 1945 another milestone has arrived, "The 60th Anniversary."

On reflection, the past ten years have been momentous with the club embarking on and completing one of the most ambitious projects it has ever attempted; the accommodation unit at Nepean Hospital now known as "Hope Cottage".

As Presidents come and Presidents go, and the fabric of members continually changes, the goals of Rotary remain a constant and the achievements of the past ten years are hereby recorded for future generations of Rotarians who will no doubt continue to uphold the very principal of Rotary, "SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

PP Brian Corlis PHF

It is now 2015 and we are approaching our 70th Anniversary. Instead of another addendum of the years 2006 to 2015 I have tried to compile a single document, making sure I do justice to the work completed already. This process has allowed me to immerse myself in the history of the club. What a humbling experience it has been learning just how much the Rotary Club of Penrith has achieved in our own community and throughout the world.

As society changes over time one thing stays constant for Service Organisations like Rotary International; the struggle to attract new members and retain existing members. In the past 10 years the organisation has maintained a world wide membership of 1.2 million members. However the membership of individual clubs in western countries is ageing and attracting new members is a constant battle for clubs. As a consequence the strict classification rules of past years has been relaxed, attendance requirements have almost been removed and, the greatest change of all, has been the increase in the number of women as members. Without them many clubs would have folded.

In 2006-07 our club inducted our first female President in PP Janet Cottee, with PP Tess Hall our second in 2013-14. at present our club has 6 female members and their contribution has been immense.

Thanks must go to PP Geoff Wood whose 60th Anniversary Dinner presentation provided many of the photographs, to Tess Hall for the photographs over the past 10 years and to PP Barry Cook for chasing up past presidents who have left our club so we can do justice to their profiles. And last but not least, Ben Feszczuk who has rigorously maintained our membership register making it possible to update and add to the records these past 20 years.

The irony of my involvement in this project has not been lost on me. Here we are in 2015 and a Syrian born member has compiled an update of the club's history. A club that was chartered while Australian servicemen were departing Syria at the end of WWII. Not to mention PP Doug Watson, who compiled the first 50 years history, served at Tobruk, Syria during World War 2. I was Born in Damascus Syria.

Nadim Joukhadar PP PHF

INTRODUCTION

The Rotary Club of Penrith received its charter as Club 6125 on 16th November, 1945, the Club having been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Parramatta. However, the Club had its beginnings before that and it is appropriate that the account of its beginnings be in the words of that remarkable man, Oscar Ward Fletcher, the founder and charter President. The following are notes he prepared for an address he delivered to the Club on 23rd February, 1961.

"In 1943 I knew nothing about Rotary but had noticed a report in the Sydney Morning Herald of Rotary sponsoring an Appeal for Crippled Children. About this time J.J. Price' of Newcastle called on me to suggest a Rotary Club for Penrith. I thought about it but took no action. Later 'Juney' talked me into doing something. I canvassed possible candidates for membership and discussed with Ted Edwards the possibilities of a Club in Penrith. He was pessimistic and doubted the securing of sufficient classifications. However, Harry Grainger of Parramatta Club came along to a conference held in a room above Fletcher's Store, to which PP. 'Pop' Spence and John Cram were invited. Afterwards a meeting was held in John Cram's office of prospective members.

I then had a yarn with Guy Waldin who promised to interview the heads of the Departments in the Munitions Area and after securing eight outstanding fellows to fill various classifications a meeting was held in the Council Chambers, a provisional club was formed and officers appointed.

We had just got going when we lost our Secretary and Eric Keech, who was Treasurer, took over and since then the Club has never looked back thanks to the loyal and dedicated service rendered by PP Eric.

Our first meeting was held in Mrs. Elston's Cafe, who gave us the use of a piano and provided a hot meal in winter and a salad in summer for two shillings and sixpence. We later moved to Voyces Cafe, then later to PP Nick Kepreotis' Cafe, still at the same prices. These were happy informal and friendly times with many outstanding speakers and gay social evenings with the ladies; our first directive was to develop fellowship.

Then came the Charter Night at the Dungowan Theatre on Saturday, 6th April, 1946. Owing to the War and mail difficulties, many months had passed between the formation of the Club and this important event, this being one of the first Charters to be presented after the end of the war. The Charter at last arrived and was presented by Governor Harold Jones, supported by PD.G. Robert Garran in the presence of PDG Lance Fallaw (Editor of the Sydney Morning Herald), the Presidents of Sydney, Parramatta, Hurstville, Burwood, Katoomba, Canberra, Newcastle, North Sydney and Manly Clubs, and a brilliant gathering of distinguished Rotarians, Citizens and Ladies. The speeches were notable and are still discussed. In all it was a most enthusiastic and memorable occasion.

It was during this time that the Paul Harris Memorial Scholarship was launched and Penrith contributed its quota and has continued up to the present time, stimulating our interest Internationally.

It is pleasing to note that of the 26 charter fellows, eight have served as President and eight are still members. Unfortunately, five good fellows have passed on.

It was a pleasure to work with PP. Frank Allen and PP. Eric Keech on the visit of the President Rotary International, Frank Guernsey and his charming lady, in my year as Immediate Past President. The function was held at Lapstone Hotel with morning tea provided followed by the District Convention at Medlow Hydro.

I would like to pay tribute to all 27 members who worked so hard in our early struggling days to establish our Club on such a sound foundation. Might I mention Secretary Eric Keech, Treasurer Guy Waldin who was one of the original St. Marys' fellows, P.P. Frank Allen who was second President, John Cram, Lisle Spence, Mat Matthews - these and all of them gave their local support and this loyalty has been a consistent feature of this Club.

May Penrith Rotary continue to flourish and enjoy fellowship in a world-wide movement that had 250,000 members then and is now nearly 500,000".

That was in 1961. Rotary International appears to have peaked at 1.2 million world wide with that number unchanged for the past decade.

Minutes of the Meeting of interest held on the 14th March 1945:-

A gathering of citizens at the invitation of Mr. W. O. Fletcher met at the office of Mr. J. Crum on the 14th March 1945 at 8 PM. to discuss the formation of a branch of the Rotary Club. Those present were Messrs. W. O. Fletcher, who was invited to the Chair, G. James, Mr. Hunter, F. Allen, E. Miller, J. Roberts, W. F. Smith, R. Neale, J. Crum, L. Spence, D. Hatterley, C. J. Welch. Apologies were received from Rev. Chapple, Messrs. Kepreotis, Coffe, Booty, Rogers.

The meeting was addressed by Mr. W. O. Fletcher who went thoroughly into the aims & objects of the Rotary Club & was listened to very attentively by those present.

It was moved by Mr. J. Roberts & seconded by Mr. L. Spence that a committee of five be appointed to report to a meeting to be called advising of their investigations as to the qualifications of citizens to be invited to become members.

Those appointed on the committee were:-

Messrs. Fletcher, Roberts, Spence, F. Allen & Mr. James.

After a general discussion the meeting adjourned & it was left in the hands of the sub-committee to advise of the next meeting.

PROVISIONAL MEMBERS on the 12th June 1945

Name	Classification	Name	Classification
ANDERSON, Ken	Public Service	KEPREOTIS, Nick	Cafe Proprietor
ALLEN, Len	Town Clerk	MATTHEWS, Harold	Production Manager
ALLEN, Frank	Estate Agent	NEALE, Bruce	Country Storekeeper
BARRY, Ron	Explosives	ROGERS, Archie	Journalist
BOOTY, Fred	Bank Official	ROFFE, Reg	Tyre Merchant & Retreader
CHAPPLE, Ray	Clergyman	RULE, Emie	Timber Merchant & Building Supplies
CRAM, John	Solicitor	SMITH, Bill	Garage Proprietor
EDWARDS, Ted	Education	SPENCE, Lisle (pop)	Motion Picture Exhibitor
ELLIOTT, Jack	Shell Filling	SMITH, Stan	Chemist
FREEBURN, Vic	Rent Proprietor	WALDIN, Guy	Buyer
FLETCHER, Oscar	Departmental Store	WELCH, Charlie	Auctioneer
GIBBINS, Don	Purchasing Officer	WELLSMORE, Des	Wholesale Petroleum Products
GREEN, Edward	Metallurgist		
GRIFFIN, Rex	Industrial Chemist		
HINTON, Mervyn	Chemist (Laboratory)		
HODGSON, Allan	Architecture	The above classifications are as set out in the first Attendance Book kept by the Club.	
KEECH, Eric	Engineer		

1 1945-1946 PRESIDENT OSCAR FLETCHER



1945-1946
Oscar Fletcher +

The office bearers elected for the Provisional Club retained their positions into the Charter Club. They were; President Oscar Fletcher, Vice President Rex Griffin, Secretary Don Gibbons, then Eric Keech, Treasurer Eric Keech, then Ken Anderson, Seargent at Arm Nick Kepreotis, Directors: Pop Spence and Mat Matthews.

Early records disclose interesting facts, the problems which had to be overcome and the zeal of the members. The Club had its birth during difficult times - the Second World War was being waged while it was a Provisional Club and had only just ended before the Club was chartered. The aftermath of the War is reflected in the fact that most guest speakers were local people due, no doubt, to distance and petrol rationing. It is noteworthy that during 1945 and 1946 many of the speakers were experienced Rotarians from Parramatta, Burwood and Katoomba, whose advice and information must have been vital to the new Club.

The Board of Directors also had the continuing problem of coping with attendance problems. Dr Harry Uren and Bob Smith were the first new members inducted into the Club on 2nd July 1946. This record of the earliest days of the Penrith Club would be incomplete without a short biography of the Charter President, Oscar Ward Fletcher.

P.P. Oscar was a remarkable man, born in Burnley, Lancashire in 1884, he came to Australia in 1912. He set up business first in Parramatta in 1914 then shortly afterwards in Penrith. His department store in Penrith was ultimately acquired by the Myer Corporation and remains the largest store in the Penrith district.

He was a leader in community affairs all his life. He was largely instrumental in the founding of many organisations in the town including the first Parents & Citizens Association, Chamber of Commerce, and at least two sporting clubs. He served Penrith as an Alderman. It was he who took the initiative to form the Rotary Club and guided it through its infancy. He was a regular attendant until shortly before his death. His interest in the Club and Rotary generally never waned He was supported by his wife Jenny, who survived him and she shared his interest in Rotary. His sound advice was sought by most of those who succeeded him in the office of President and he will always remain a living memory in Penrith Rotary Club. P.P' Oscar died on 1st June, 1975, just 15 days before what would have been his 91st birthday.

**PRESIDENT REX GRIFFIN
PRESIDENT FRANK ALLEN**

No photo has been
found of Rex Griffin

On 24th September, 1946. Charter President, Oscar Fletcher inducted President-elect Rex Griffin into the chair. The office bearers were:- Presidents Rex Griffin, Frank Allen, I.P.P. Oscar Fletcher, Vice President Ted Edwards, Secretary Eric Keech, Treasurer Ken Anderson. then Guy Waldin, Directors: Mat Matthews, Pop Spence, Harry Uren.

President Rex continued as the Club's leader until his resignation from the Club was received on 18th March, 1947. He was absent for a good many meetings between December 1946 and March 1947 and the minutes of that time inform us that he was in ill health. During the period of his absence the meetings were chaired by VP. Ted Edwards. At a Board meeting on 18th March, 1947, nominations were called for election of a successor for the remainder of the year. Frank Allen was elected as President. Vice President Ted Edwards remained a member until February 1950 when he left the district.

President Frank's first duty was to induct six new members on the 15th April, 1947, two of whom, Alex Taylor and Roy Handley later served as Presidents. By the end of July, 1947, the membership had risen to 31 in spite of some original members leaving the Club.

The Club was then, as it is now, interested in youth. A survey of the needs of youth in the area was carried out with special reference to the sphere of education and employment. The survey also embraced the field of Crippled Children which had been started in the preceding year.

Funds were allocated towards the Food for Britain Fund, continuing the project started in 1946. The Club also assisted the work of the National Fitness Campaign.

In the field of Vocational Service, a complete survey was made of job opportunities in all fields throughout the Club area.

Very wisely, Club Service and Rotary Information were emphasized in programs. Representatives attended all District Assemblies and Conferences. The founding fathers were anxious to build on a sound foundation which was to be reflected in later years.

P.P. Rex Griffin was a senior industrial chemist at the St Mary's Munitions factory. He attended the meeting held at the Penrith Council Chambers on the 31st of May 1945 where he was appointed Vice President and took office at the initial provisional meeting held on the 12th June 1945. He served in this office under Charter President Oscar and was inducted as President the following year.

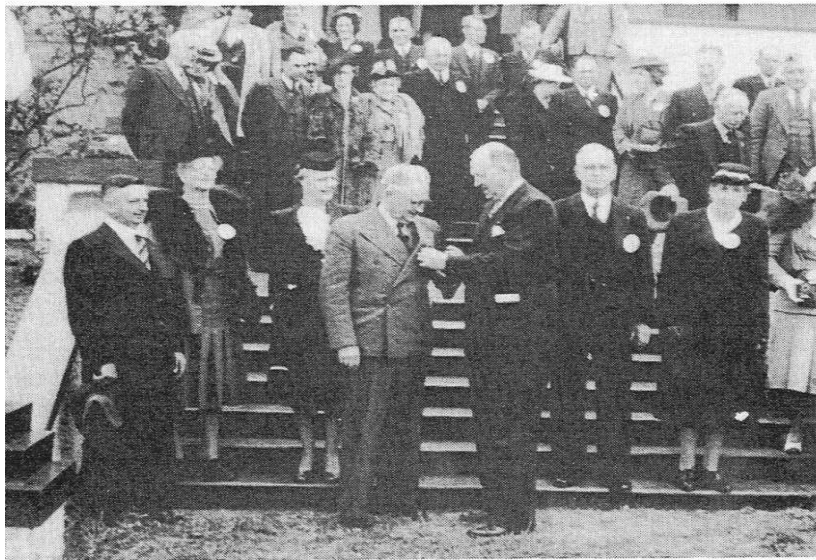
3 1947-1948 President Frank Allen



1947-1948
Frank Allan +

President Frank Allen continued to lead the club during the year 1947-1948 and his office bearers were :- President Frank Allen, Vice President Lisle (Pop) Spence, Secretary Eric Keech, Treasure Guy Walden, Directors; Oscar Fletcher, Dr Harry Uren and Bruce Spence.

The highlight of the year was the visit of President of Rotary International Ken Guernsey and his wife, Edith. They were accompanied by some members of Parramatta Club who were our sponsor club two years earlier. This was the first and only visit to our Club by a President of R.I. in our 70 years of existence.



The above picture shows the R.I President pinning the badge of office onto District Governor Harry Monk.

No records exist from which the Club's activities for the year can be obtained and these meagre gleanings are from the memories of P.P's Nick Kepreotis, John Knox and Bruce Neale together with references in a bulletin of 1958. It was generally recalled that President Frank consolidated those projects that he implemented in the previous year.

President Frank was born at Swindon, Wiltshire, and served his apprenticeship in the works of the Great Western Railway Co. He went to Melbourne in 1911 then came to Penrith in 1912, taking up a position with NSW Government Railways. He commenced business as a Real Estate Agent on High Street, Penrith in 1938 and conducted it up to the time of his death in 1960. He entered Local Government in 1922 and resigned in 1959. He was Mayor of Penrith from 1944-1949. He was largely responsible for the provision of the Baby Health Centre, the Penrith Housing Estate at Hornseywood, the water filtration scheme and presided over the amalgamation of the Penrith and St Marys Municipal Councils.



Our young Club entertained R.I. President Ken Guernsey and his wife Edith, with a morning tea at the Lapstone Hotel.



Following the morning Tea some of the members went on to lunch with the R.I President and District Governor at Meadow Bath. The Club made its first contribution to the Rotary Foundation.

4 1948-1949 PRESIDENT LISLE "POP" SPENCE



1948-1949
Lisle Spence +

At the changeover held at the Dungowan Theatre on 21st October, 1948, Lisle (Pop) Spence was inducted as President. The effects of inflation are apparent when the costs of this changeover are compared with present costs. The catering charge was four shillings and sixpence per head, two well known singers, a pianist and compere were engaged for a fee of 13 guineas. The function was attended by over 80 people.

The Board members were:-President Lisle "Pop" Spence, IPP Frank Allen, VP Nick Kepreotis, Secretary Eric Keech, Treasurer Guy Waldin, Directors: Ted Edward, Alec Larkin, John Knox, Ernie Rule (part) Bruce Spence (part).

The Board were anxious to put the club on a secure footing and to consolidate on the previous year's progress. One minute records contention that the Club should not undertake any large scale activities at that time and that funds for any worthy project be provided by members by means of increased fines. This had support but was not adopted.

During the year furnishings were given to the new Penrith High School following consultations with the Principal. The first Penrith Rotary Ball was held during the Autumn of 1949.

This was a year of disastrous flooding in several coastal river valleys in New South Wales and the Club assisted by contributing to the appeals by the Rotary Club of Kempsey and Maitland and by assisting several families on the Nepean who were rendered homeless.

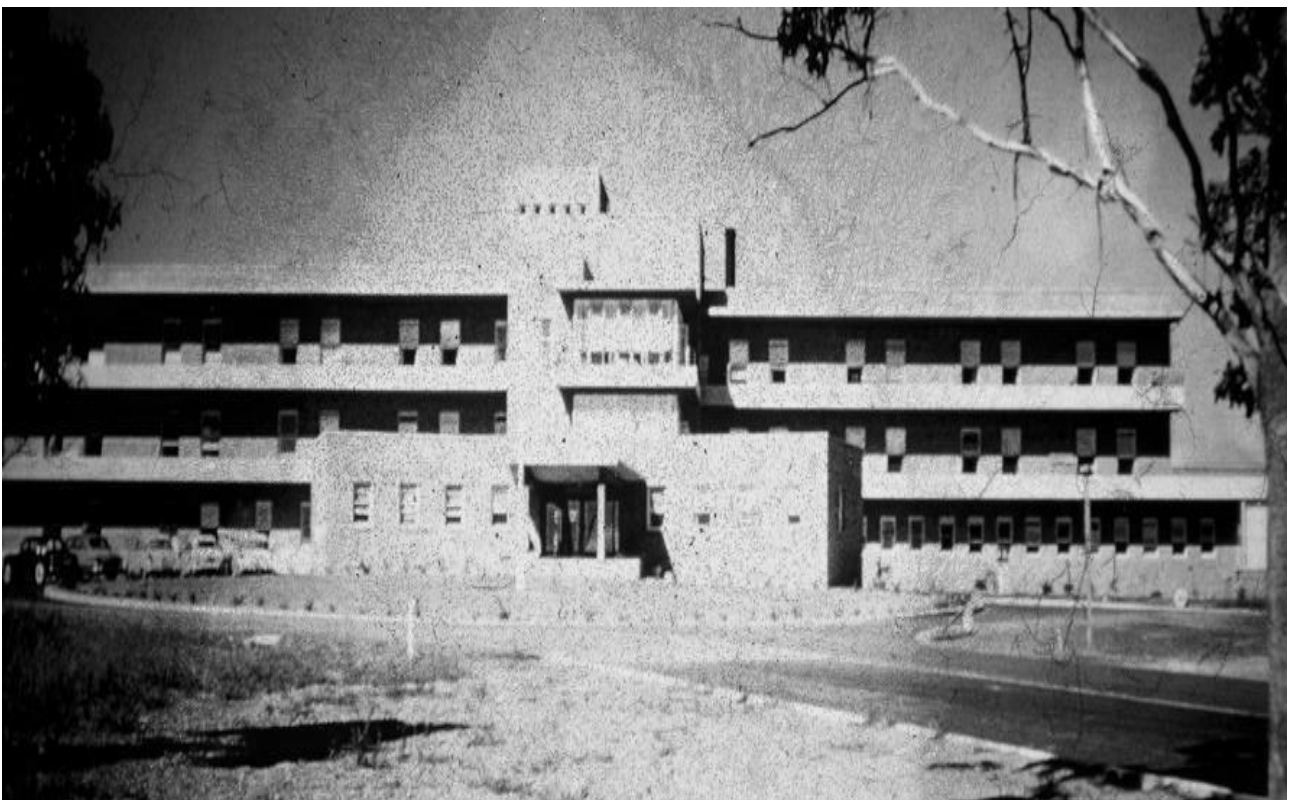
The Club was seriously considering ways and means of achieving Rotary extension. A Survey was made of the Windsor-Richmond district to ascertain whether the formation of a club was viable. Efforts were continuously directed towards increased membership and the minutes disclose the care and scrutiny of proposed new members. The Club was conservative in outlook. Penrith was facing rapid expansion from a small country centre to a large industrial and dormitory town, the charter members were well established in business and wanted to ensure that new members did fulfil the requisites of their classifications. Newcomers were not accepted without proof of their bona-fides by performance.

Membership reached 38 and during the year the Club appointed its first Honorary Member, Fred Booty, a townsman of note and a member who had held the then classification of "Banking - Government" prior to his retirement.

PP "Pop" Spence was a charter member of the Club, He had, like so many of the early Presidents, justly earned a high reputation and standing in the community as a businessman and citizen. His classification in the Club was "Motion Picture Exhibiting". He was the proprietor of the Nepean Theatre which he conducted as a cinema. In earlier years PP "pop" had served as a schoolteacher, mainly in country areas. He served several terms as an Alderman under PP Frank Allen's mayoralty. PP "Pop" was a conspicuous figure in Penrith until his death. He travelled Widely and took every opportunity of extending his Rotary acquaintance wherever he went. Reports of his experiences were published in the "Nepean Times" newspaper. PP "Pop" remained a constant attender at Club meetings until just before his death in 1972.



Construction of Penrith High School. Our Club has made significant contributions to the school over the past 70 years.



Nepean Hospital in the early days, another institution benefiting from our club over the past 70 years with money, equipment and members who served on its Board for many years.



1949-1950
Eric Keech +

A fragment from the Club Bulletin of 24th April, 1958, provided the following resume of the year. "In 1949-1950 President Eric Keech assumed leadership of the Club. Eric who had served as Secretary almost since the inception of the Club was inducted to the chair in October, 1949.

The office-bearers were:- President Eric Keech, I.P.P. Pop Spence, Vice President Nick Kepreotis, Secretary P.P. Frank Allen, Treasurer Guy Waldin, Directors: John Knox, John Cram, Roy Handley, Len Allen (part) Brian Lamrock (part)

Many social functions were held during that year, including a Ladies Night which served as a farewell to P.P. Oscar Fletcher and Mrs. Fletcher on the eve of their departure for a tour of England and the Continent. A sum of 90 pounds and ten shillings was raised by the Club's efforts and devoted towards the cost of the Penrith Boy Scouts' Building Program. Again assistance was given to flood victims. The Club's international contribution was towards the establishment of a branch of the United Nations Association in Penrith."

Second-hand clothing was collected and forwarded to District 69 in France as part of the District Governor's Appeal. Assistance was given to an Emu Plains resident whose house had been damaged by a wind storm. A major project was the Rotary Ball which was organised by the Club in conjunction with the Group Committee of 1st Penrith Boy Scouts. The ball was called "The Campfire Ball" with suitable decor and the participation of the Scouts in the programme made it a great success. This was the first time that the Club, observing a need in the community, assisted and geared the local people to meet the need. The joint committee formed for the Ball also arranged several theatre nights. This project continued over several years, culminating in the erection of the Scout Hall in 1954. Further contributions were made to a special hospital fund set up during the preceding year.

P.P. Eric Keech, became Secretary of the Club during the Charter year, a position he held many times, also as Treasurer, Director, President and Chairman of the Rotary Information committee several times. He was appointed the D.G. Special Representative to survey the Windsor-Richmond area which led to the formation of the Rotary Club of Windsor.

P.P. Eric was an ardent Rotarian whose knowledge of Rotary Information, procedures and protocol, caused him to be widely known throughout the Rotary district. His advice to Presidents and Boards of Directors was eagerly sought and accepted. He trained a succession of Secretaries and Rotary Information experts including P.P.'s Alex Taylor, John Empson and Warren Pinfold. P.P. Eric Rotary Service was general and all-embracing, his influence in the Club was profound.

P.P. Eric was a "local lad", his father was a dairy farmer at Castlereagh. P.P. Eric's classification when the Club was formed was "Engineer" as at that time he was the operative engineer at the Nepean Dairy & Refrigerating Co-op Society Ltd (later called Nepean Milk Co. Ltd). During his later Rotary service he was the Manager of that Company. His Rotary service was very general and greatly valued throughout the District - this service continued until December 1963, not long before his death.

6 1950-1951 PRESIDENT NICK KEPREOTIS



1950-1951
Nick Kepreotis +

The sixth President of the Club was Nick Kepreotis, a charter member. He was inducted by I.P.P Eric Keech who resumed his customary role as secretary. John Knox was Vice-President, Guy Waldin Treasurer, and Stan Smith, Roy Handley, Brian Lamrock and John Cram were the Directors.

President Nick was firmly convinced that fellowship was all-important, both within the Club and with Rotarians of other Clubs. He appointed a special fellowship committee and gave it his personal support. The Club paid official visits to Parramatta Club on its Silver Anniversary meeting, Blackheath Club on the Anzac Commemoration where the speaker was Past President of R.I. Angus Mitchell, also to the Rotary Clubs of Katoomba, Rockdale and Cronulla.

The year commenced with a membership of 36 which rose during the year to 40. It is interesting to observe that the Directors, other than V.P. John, who was in charge of Club Service, had individual Chairmen in charge of the committees for the other avenues of service. Many members were involved in the organization of the Penrith Jubilee Celebrations. The principal project was Youth Welfare. The Club was actively involved with the opening of the Penrith High School. During the year, a presentation, of pictures provided from funds raised during the previous year was made to the school. A piano was purchased and provided to them.

The accent on youth was reflected in employment schemes under Vocational Service. The first encouraged members to take school pupils into their businesses during the Christmas School Vacation to afford them a "work experience"; the second provided an advisory scheme to advise children on jobs suitable to their individual talents and abilities. In this avenue Bert Fletcher embarked on a course of Employer/Employee Relations and extended it to cover a Rotarian's attitude towards Employees, Competitors, Clients and Suppliers. Excellent articles appeared weekly in the Bulletin on these aspects. Job talks by members were introduced.

There was an increasing number of European migrants (so-called New Australians) coming to live and work in the Penrith district, and following the advice of D.G. Seymour Shaw, fellows were asked to pay special attention to the assimilation of these people. This was a matter upon which President Nick could speak with authority, remembering the problems he encountered when he first came to Australia as a young man. Members responded by bringing some of these folk to our meetings and by encouraging such people to address the Club. P.P. Oscar Fletcher was Chairman of the International Service Committee which ensured that the Club continued to support the Rotary Foundation and also provided some interesting speakers from overseas.

President Nick was a native of Kythera, Greece and came to Australia in 1909. He conducted a business in Balmain for some years and set up a cafe-restaurant in Penrith in 1922. At this time there was considerable racial prejudice to overcome but he became a successful businessman and highly-respected citizen. He was associated with many organisations and played football in his younger years and was a foundation member of Penrith Bowling Club. Nick was Charter Sergeant-at-Arms of Penrith Rotary Club and served the Club as a Director, Vice-President and President and served on many committees. He was the first Greek-born President of a Rotary Club in Australia. P.P. Nick resigned from the Club in 1974 due to age and hearing problems. He and his Wife "Cal" have both since passed away.

7 1951-1952 PRESIDENT JOHN KNOX



1951-1952
John Knox H+

1951-1952 Rotary year was the last to end on 30th September. The Australian Rotary calendar was brought into line with the rest of the world, beginning on 1st July and ending on the following 30th June.

The office-bearers for the year were:- President John Knox, I.P.P. Nick Kepreotis, Vice President John Cram, Secretary Eric Keech, Treasurer Guy Waldin, Directors Mac McArthur, Bert Fletcher, Gordon Lauder, Bert Hingley (part) Tom Hungerford (part) P.P. Frank Allen (part)

The Club membership rose to 45 during the year. Three new members, Hugh Millingen, Stan Coleman and John Empson, were inducted.

The Club carried out the preliminary surveys which led to the formation of two very valuable Service Clubs in Penrith, which still flourish, the Apex Club and the Inner Wheel Club. President John's wife Elva being the Charter President of the latter. The Club meetings were now held at the Log Cabin Hotel.

In the 1940s and 1950s Rotary was smaller in numbers and clubs visited the other clubs thus maintaining cohesion. These visits were often referred to as "Intercity Visits". The Club was within Rotary District 29 which covered the area from just south of Newcastle to the north, south to the Victorian border, west to Lithgow and south-west to Hay in the Riverina. Penrith Club visited the Rotary Clubs of Sydney, Camden, Blackheath, Katoomba, Lithgow and Parramatta. Several clubs visited Penrith in return.

A review of the year published in a Bulletin of the 1st May 1958, refers to "the brilliant year of office of Harold K. (John) Knox". It continues: "John's dearest memory is the wonderful Fellowship and encouragement given to him by the Fellows during his term of office". Early in his term came the tragic bushfires in the Blue Mountains and North Penrith, causing much suffering and loss. On the 13th December 1951, our usual meeting was abandoned because the majority of members were fire fighting. The proceeds from the very successful Christmas Party which was held a few days later was devoted to providing toys for the stricken families' children whose toys had been destroyed by the fires. Few fellows knew that in the very early hours of that Christmas morning John toured the devastated areas acting the part of Father Christmas so that the children should have a happy awakening.

The social highlight of the year was the Annual Ball, attended by some 240 guests. Proceeds of this were used in purchasing an electric sewing machine, a cabinet of tools, the nucleus of a library and other equipment for Penrith Public School. Rotary Foundation was supported and the Club was addressed by Leonard Bell, a young lawyer and Rotary Foundation Fellow who had spent a post-graduate year at McGill University, Montreal. Leonard Bell, a young man of great ability, later died while fighting bush fires in the Collaroy Plateau area.

PP John's classification was "Private Banking". He came from Woodenbong in 1947 to manage the Penrith branch of Commercial Banking Coy. of Sydney Ltd. He joined the Club in September of that year playing a very active part in its affairs until he was transferred to Gosford where he continued to be a very active Rotarian until again transferred to manage the Neutral Bay branch when he served as a member of the North Sydney Club. Upon his retirement he returned to Emu Plains and renewed his membership of Penrith Club until 1983. His wide knowledge of Rotary gained from his service in three Clubs has been of great value to many of our Presidents. P.P. John died on 30th August 1989.

8 1952-1953 PRESIDENT JOHN CRAM



1952-1953
John Cram +

The records and information concerning the Club's activities during this year, as is the case of so many of the early years, are very scant and limited. The following facts are based largely on odd small items recorded in some old bulletins, together with some facts obtained from the widow of President John, Mrs. Margaret Cram.

President John Cram had the support of I.P.P. John Knox, Alan Hodgson as Vice-President, the redoubtable Eric Keech as his Secretary and Guy Waldin as Treasurer. Directors were Gordon Lauder, Mavon May, Dr. Harry Uren and Mac McArthur.

President John, like so many of the early Presidents and charter members, had been taught that fellowship was the cornerstone of Rotary. He concentrated in 1952-1953 on ensuring that the members enjoyed the best fellowship possible. Penrith was starting the great "boom" period of its growth, sufficient in itself to give the older citizens great consternation and the Club was caught up in this. President John a careful conservative tried to give the Club a breathing space so that it could face up to the changes which were happening.

Two interesting events took place during the year, firstly, Pres. John was the first President to take office on 1st July, as previously the Rotary year had ended on 30th September; secondly the visit of the President of R.I. Bru Brunnier and his wife to Sydney. Many Penrith Rotarians attended a reception at the Trocadero to meet them.

As part of the fellowship programme, inter-club visits to the Rotary Clubs of Parramatta, Burwood, Blackheath, Katoomba and Lithgow took place. Several Charter nights were attended. The Rotary Ball was held as before which provided excellent fellowship and was a success in every way. The proceeds were used for the "Ken Falconer" project. The principal project was to raise funds for the Junior Farmers Overseas Fund, which resulted in a young local farmer Ken Falconer, visiting USA and England. The Club was active in the promotion of a local branch of the New Settler's League.

The year opened with a Club membership of 42 and ended with 41.

President John was born at Rozelle in 1892. He was of Scottish descent and served in the First A.I.F in France. He studied law on his return, being admitted as a solicitor in 1923. He came to Penrith in 1930 and while resident in Penrith he served as President of the District Ambulance Committee until it was incorporated as part of the Central District Ambulance in 1936, after which he served on its committee. He remained a member of the Club until his death in October, 1965.

He was always interested in ex-servicemen. He filled many positions in the Penrith Sub-Branch of the R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. as trustee until his death - three years as President and five years as Secretary, being made a life member for his services in 1951. He served as Town Major of Penrith during World War II. He was an Alderman for seven years and Deputy Mayor under PP Frank Allen. He served as a Director of the Nepean District Hospital from 1938 until shortly before his death and was chairman of the Penrith Cemetery Trust. P.P. John was an elder of his Church for many years.

9 1953-1954 PRESIDENT ALAN HODGSON



1953-1954
Allan Hodgson +

An article titled "Looking Back" published in the Club Bulletin of the 8th May 1958 gives us the only available information of the activities of this year so I quote it in full.

"During the Rotary Year 1953-1954, President Alan Hodgson realised and appreciated the importance of building up "Fellowship" within the Club and immediately set his attention to this matter, arranging a picnic and outing within the Club". The highlight of the year was the 1st Penrith Scout Project, which was considered the most worthy cause; the building of a Hall in Lethbridge Street, for the Scouts. This project had been envisaged in Eric Keech's year of office, when the proceeds of the Campfire Ball were donated to the Scouts Hall Building Fund. Director With the assistance of the young men of the Apex Club with the building, the hall became an accomplished fact. The Hall was duly handed over and officially opened by the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Ald. P.D. Hills, It was a great occasion with the District Governor George Coughlan on the stage. It was also the largest project undertaken by our Club to that date. The proceeds of the Rotary Ball went to the Scout project.

President Alan was assisted by I.P.P. John Cram, Vice President Roy Handley; Secretary Eric Keech; Treasurer Guy Waldin; and Directors Hec Ross and Bruce Neale, Mac McArthur and Bert Fletcher.

During the year a survey of Windsor-Richmond was completed by P.P. Eric Keech which culminated in the chartering of Windsor club the following year. The Club assisted the appeal for the relief of the victims of the Greek Earthquake and the Mayor's Flood Relief Appeal.

Members transported children from the Crippled Children's School to Sydney to meet Her Majesty the Queen. The Club also furnished a new classroom at the Penrith Infants School. Further contributions were made to the Special Hospital Fund. With Parramatta, Katoomba, Blackheath and Lithgow Clubs an Inter-Club Rally was hosted to instruct the clubs in the western part of the Rotary District in lieu of an institute.

President Alan Hodgson had lived in the Glenbrook area for over 34 years, serving the people well in many ways with geniality He was a partner in the firm of F. W Hodgson & Sons, architects of Sydney. President Alan had served as a Shire Councillor in Blue Mountains Shire for 11 years of which he was President for eight years. He was later Deputy Mayor of the Municipal Council of Blue Mountains. He was President of the Nepean Agricultural Horticultural and Industrial Society for three years. He became the foundation chairman of the Blue Mountains County Council. President Alan served on the Board of Directors of the Nepean District Hospital for 28 years, during which time he was chairman for 12 years. Many public buildings designed by him are his memorial in Penrith".



Penrith Scout Hall on Lethbridge Street. Funded and built by our club with assistance from the APEX Club we helped set up. Also a beneficiary of our fundraising for many years in the 1950's



Members transported local handicapped children into Sydney for Queen Elizabeth II's first visit to Australia.

10 1954-1955 PRESIDENT ROY HANDLEY



1954-1955
Roy Handley +

The year marked the 50th Anniversary of the foundation of the first Rotary Club in Chicago, Illinois by Paul Harris on 23rd February, 1905. The Golden Anniversary Year was one of great rejoicing, re-dedication and motivation throughout the Rotary world, including Penrith.

Penrith Club was presided over by Roy Handley with Alan Hodgson as I.P.P., Mac McArthur as Vice President and P.P. John Knox as Golden Anniversary Chairman to cope with the special activities which marked a "milestone" year in Rotary. Secretary was Eric Keech, Treasurer was Guy Waldin with Bruce Neale, Harry Uren, Hec Ross, John Knox (part) and John Empson (part) as Directors.

Emphasis was placed upon a sharing of fellowship with Rotarians in other clubs and President Roy conducted official visits to Chatswood, Ashfield, Camden, Bankstown, Hurstville, Randwick, Parramatta, Lithgow and Katoomba Clubs. Return visits were received from Chatswood, Lithgow, Parramatta and Katoomba Clubs.

Rotary extension was one of R.I. President Herb Taylor's important policies. In furtherance of this policy, Penrith succeeded in sponsoring the formation of the Rotary Club of Windsor. The District Governor's special representatives were, P.P. Eric Keech, followed by President Roy Handley. The result of their and the Penrith members' efforts, was the formation of the provisional club of Windsor with 24 members, led by Pres. Brian Pulsford on 23rd June, 1955. The formation of this new club to Penrith's immediate north afforded the privilege of Rotary Service to men in a new area previously on the extreme fringe of the District. It must be recognized as one of the most important projects carried out by the Penrith Club at that time. All Rotarians were inspired at the Golden Anniversary Conference, held at Cronulla., opened by the Governor of New South Wales, Sir John Northcott. The address delivered by R.I. Representative Ned Laharry, stirred the hearers to such effect that he was persuaded to address a combined meeting of Penrith, Lithgow, Blackheath and Katoomba Rotary Clubs at Katoomba. In spite of very bad weather, over 200 attended of which, 58 including some wives were from Penrith.

The first Debutante Ball was held by the Club to mark this important Rotary Year. In the field of community service, apart from monetary donations to various causes and practical assistance at fund-raising efforts of several organisations, a 16mm sound projector was provided for the use of the newly-built Nepean District Hospital.

During this year the Club became a 100% contributor to the Rotary Foundation following the suggestion of D.G. Doug Stewart as a fitting recognition of the founder of Rotary. The Club also assisted the D.G. Flood Relief Appeal and the Spastic Centre.

1955 marked the 10th year of the Club's life and a special gavel was presented to Charter President Oscar to mark the event. Charter President Oscar wrote a history of our Club and it is minuted that it was submitted to a Board of Directors meeting but no copy of it has been found. The year was a notable one which can be regarded as a "Golden One" in the Club's history.

P.P. Roy grew up in Penrith where his father was a school headmaster. Roy conducted a shop in High Street where he sold electrical goods. He later purchased and conducted a Motel at Faulconbridge after which he moved to the Gold Coast where he lived for some years before his death.

11 1955-1956 PRESIDENT MAC McARTHUR



1955-1956
Mac McArthur +

During this year the Club was led by:- President Leonard (Mac) McArthur, I.P.P. Roy Handley, Vice President & Club Service Harry Uren, Secretary Eric Keech, Treasurer, Guy Waldin, Vocational Service Director Stan Coleman, International Service Director Brian Lamrock, Community Service Director Ron Barrett, Rotary Information John Empson.

An outstanding event of the year was a visit to the Club of First Vice-President of R.I. Ollie Oberg and his wife. A special Ladies Night was arranged and a memorable speech was delivered by this notable Rotarian. President Mac was particularly pleased to officially welcome "Ollie" as some five years before Ollie had inducted President Mac into Rotary when he was D. G.

A film projector with sound equipment was presented to the Nepean District Hospital for both recreational and medical training use. This was the culmination of a project funded during the previous year.

The most important event was held on 21st October 1955, when the Rotary Club of Windsor received its Charter. The surveys and preliminary work including the inaugural meeting had been done during the preceding year under P.P. Roy Handley. Penrith as sponsor club was represented by 96% of its members .

The meeting was chaired by President Mac, the charter presented by District Governor John Walker with . I.P.P. Roy Handley as his special representative. The function at the New Dawn Palais, Windsor was attended by 400 people, including many distinguished Rotarians and guests. The success of the night was a credit to Penrith, especially Special Representative P.P. Roy Handley and his predecessor P.P .Eric Keech who had performed much of the early work and surveys.

The eyes of the Rotary world were focused on Australia when the President of R.I., A.Z. Baker was welcomed at a reception at the Trocadero, Sydney. This reception was well-attended by Penrith Rotarians.

The Club reacted quickly to alleviate distress caused by the disastrous floods which caused havoc in the Nepean-Hawkesbury Valley in February 1956, by organizing a collection of clothing and sending money to the victims through the fellows of Windsor Rotary Club, who had organised the appeal. The Club donated a further 100 pounds to Penrith Boy Scouts for equipment for their new hall.

The Club membership increased from 47 to 53.

P.P Mac joined the Club on 31st August, 1950 and he resigned from Rotary due to ill health in 1956. He was born in London in 1894 coming to Penrith in 1940 where he conducted a stationery shop and lending library. He took an active part in the life of St. Stephens Anglican Church where inter alia he kept certain Parish records because of his copper plate handwriting. Mac was a member of the Penrith Chamber of Commerce from 1947-1960 serving as Publicity Officer, Assistant Secretary, Secretary, Treasurer and President and his service was recognized when he was made a Life Member. He spent the last thirteen years of his life in the Governor Phillip Hospital where he died on 9th March 1981 in his 87th year.

12 1956-1957 PRESIDENT DR. HARRY UREN



1956-1957
Harry Uren +

President Harry Uren received his symbols of office at the Change-over meeting held at the Log Cabin Hotel on 5th July, 1956. The officers for the year were:- President Dr. Harry Uren, I.P.P. Mac McArthur, Vice President & Club Service Mavon May, Secretary Eric Keech., Treasurer Guy Waldin, Vocational Service Director Mac Carruthers, International Service Director Dave Collie, *Community* Service Director Arthur Bennett, Rotary Information Director John Empson.

Initial steps were taken with a view to forming a Rotary Club at St. Marys. An initial survey was made as a result of which D.G. George Proud authorized the Club to proceed, appointing John Empson as his special representative. Action followed with the formation of the Rotary Club of St. Marys the following year. This indicated the awareness of our Club and its desire to extend Rotary Service.

A prominent event of the year was the Grand Pacific Regional Conference held at the Trocadero, Sydney, where our members listened in rapt attention to R.I. President Paul Lang and other speakers including R.I. General Secretary George Means.

Three-minute talks on Rotary Information were introduced with success by Director John Empson. Vocational Service under Mac Hart, took the form of suitable speakers, job talks and regular articles in the Bulletin.

An imaginative International project was organised by Pres. Harry, aided by his son David and Director Dave Collie. A set of colour slides of each member accompanied by a taped message as to the member's vocation classification and job in the Club was sent to the Rotary Club of Lancaster, Ohio. Correspondence was exchanged with overseas clubs, the letters being accompanied by pamphlets and booklets giving information on the Nepean District. Replies were received from clubs in Penrith-England, Rheims and Barbezieuse-France and Richmond-California.

In the area of Community Service, President (Doc) Harry became aware through his own vocation, of the need for a resuscitator to be available for use by the local Ambulance Service in case of emergency. The gift of this resuscitator was a source of great satisfaction to the Club. Donations of money were made to the Crippled Children's Association, a body whose welfare had always been close to the Club's heart at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Rehabilitation Centre and to Penrith Boy Scouts for equipment. A number of paintings were given to the Penrith Primary School.

President Harry, always a keen and active Rotarian, whose zest and personality ensured a response from all the members which resulted in a happy and effective year of Rotary Service. At the change-over President Harry's wife, Nancy, presented a large tapestry banner made by her, depicting the Rotary emblem .Unfortunately, this disappeared and has not been seen for some years.

PP Harry had begun his medical practice at Penrith in 1936. He was the first new member inducted into the Club by Charter President Oscar on 2nd July 1946. He performed many roles in the Club-particular reference should be made to his four terms as International Service Director which he carried out with great distinction. P.P.Harry resigned on 11th January 1968 after which he went to live at Mollymook. He and his wife Nan now live in Canberra.



Under President Harry's leadership we provided the local Ambulance service with a resuscitator that was required urgently. A source of great satisfaction for members in 1956-57.



1957-1958
Mavon May +

The President of R.I. Cliff Randell's theme for the year was - "Experience the glow of Service" Penrith Rotary Club was led during this year by President Mavon May with I.P.P. Harry Uren, "Mac" Carruthers as the Vice-President, Alex Taylor (Secretary), Col Chopin (Treasurer), Hugh Millingen, John Empson, Arthur Bennett and Eric Keech (Directors).

The membership of the Club had risen to 48 but some of these left the Club, to become Charter Members of the Rotary Club of St. Marys. The most important and far-reaching project of the year was the formation and chartering of the Rotary Club of St. Marys on 19-10-57. Since our Club had traditionally drawn on St. Marys for members and in fact some of the fellows from that area who were members of the Penrith Club when the provisional Rotary Club of St. Marys was formed became members of the new club. Of these, Alan Gilkes became Charter President, Mac Hart Vice-President, yet another, Ted Mainwaring was Secretary for many years. Alan Heathershaw Treas. and Len Stapleton, a Director. Penrith Club has regarded its sponsoring of St. Marys Rotary Club one of its great achievements.

A cricket match was held with the Rotary Club of Marrickville being our opponents - no record of the result is available. Great fellowship was enjoyed with the fellows of St. Marys Club at a launch picnic on Sydney Harbour.

A special programme was arranged during the King's Cup Regatta Week at which a large number of visitors from every State were entertained. The members enjoyed a family picnic day at Hawkesbury Agricultural College during which they were able to inspect it. The Rotary Ball was again a great success being nominated "The Event of the Year".

In the area of Community Service, the Club immediately raised 350 pounds which was sent to the Rotary Club of Katoomba for distribution. It was the summer during which fires devastated Leura and Wentworth Falls. Financial support was given to the Nepean District Branch of the Crippled Children's Association, the Spastic Centre, St. Marys Boy Scouts, Senior Citizens Christmas Party and the Penrith War Memorial Swimming Pool Appeal. Trees were planted along the driveway of the Nepean District Hospital. The need to encourage the assimilation of New Australians into our community was recognized and members of the Club attended all naturalization ceremonies held at Penrith.

It is interesting to note that during the year H.R.H., the Duke of Edinburgh was made an Honorary Member of Rotary.

President Mavon was born at Neville near Blayney, NSW, being the son of a country storekeeper. Prior to 1940 he was the representative of Merchants Ltd. on the North Coast. He also conducted a grocery store at Turramurra. He was engaged in military duties in Sydney until 1946 after which he came to Penrith as an agent for the Mutual Life & Citizens Assurance Company. Later he became the Secretary of the Penrith Co-operative Building Societies. He joined Penrith Rotary Club on 4th August 1949 and served the Club as President, Vice-President, Director, Sergeant-at-Arms and as Chairman of many committees. In his younger days he was a keen cricketer, who loved the game till his end. He is best remembered in Penrith as a lawn bowler who won many titles and served Penrith Bowling Club as Secretary and Committeeman. P.P.Mavon was a regular attendee at the Club meetings until a few months before his death in 1978.

14 1958-1959 PRESIDENT MAC. CARRUTHERS



1958-1959
Mac Carruthers +

The Club was under the leadership of President Mac Carruthers with I.P.P. Mavon May, John Empson (Vice-President), Alex Taylor (Secretary), Warren Pinfold (Assistant Secretary), Col Chopin (Treasurer), Peter Slavin, Frank Miller, Gordon Lauder and P.P. Dr. Harry Uren (Directors). During the year Col Chopin left Penrith and Bruce Dixon carried on as Treasurer.

President Mac, a teacher of young people for so many years, placed great importance on youth welfare so the Club's community service during the year was mainly directed to this. It was intended to paint the Emu Plains Scout and Guide Hall, which the Club had played a major part in providing, however as the year progressed, work on the hall had not progressed far enough to carry out painting and a large monetary donation was made in lieu. The Club also assisted at a number of functions organised to raise funds for Penrith War Memorial Swimming Pool.

In order that senior secondary school pupils could obtain advice on future careers, special brochures were distributed throughout the schools in the area giving particulars of the names, addresses and vocations of the Club members who agreed to provide such advice at call. The Club also assisted with transport for crippled children attending a convention, this project being a district-wide one. The Club did not confine all its community service to youth, but made a large contribution towards the furnishing and equipment for the new Senior Citizens Centre.

The Chairman of the International Service Committee, P.P. Dr. Harry Uren had made this field of service his specialty over many years. Special tape recordings by members were prepared and exchanged with clubs in Texas, USA, Penrith in England and Singapore. Correspondence was exchanged with many overseas clubs. Medical text books, which were in short supply were sent to the Rotary Club of Djakarta for presentation to the University of that city.

A constant programme of Vocational Service was pursued. A variation of "What's New in my business", was presented weekly in the Bulletin in the form of reports by individual members. The weekly programme provided speakers from many vocations throughout the year.

The year commenced with a membership of 47 and after the usual losses due to moves and loss of classifications, ended with 51, a net gain of four.

President Mac was one of a succession of school principals who served the Club well. The chain commenced with Charter Member Ted Edwards, followed by Dave Leithead who was followed by Mac Carruthers, all of whom were principals of Penrith Primary School. Mac was born on the Manning River and taught in small country schools, then at Mosman. He was Principal at Wentworth, Adelong and Kiama before coming to Penrith. He was an active Elder of his Church and participated in many organisations of the town. He was a keen golfer and lawn bowler. P.P. Mac resigned from the Club due to illness and died in 1975.



1959/1960
John Empson +

Penrith Club was led by President John Empson with I.P.P. Mac Carruthers, Vice President Alex Taylor, Secretary Warren Pinfold, Asst. Secretary Kevin Hepworth, Treasurer Bruce Dixon, Directors P.P. Mavon May, P.P. Eric Keech, Reg Green and Wal Fielding.

President John interpreted the challenge as embracing all fields of Rotary Service, but felt that friendship between Rotarians everywhere would build the best bridges. Inter-club visits were made therefore to the Rotary Clubs of Bankstown, Fairfield, St. Marys and Auburn - Lidcombe. After the visit to Auburn - Lidcombe, the members of both clubs visited and inspected the Dairy Farmers Co-operative milk processing and packaging plant at Lidcombe, the visit being arranged by P.P. Eric Keech. Five clubs paid visits to Penrith.

The Club was well represented at the District Conference at Canterbury Racecourse. The special representative of the President of R.I. Director Phya Srivisar, a prominent lawyer from Bangkok, who had served Thailand as a member of parliament, Foreign Minister, Finance Minister as a President of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East. He made a deep impression on all who heard his address. The opening address was delivered by that great Rotarian Sir Angus Mitchell who has the distinction of being Australia's first President of Rotary International.

To extend fellowship at Club level a novel programme was introduced into the Bulletin. Under the heading of "Get to know your fellows" - a short biography of each member appeared. These, with job talks by members had the effect of increasing friendship and respect between the fellows. Rotary Information constantly promulgated weekly in the Bulletin and regular "fireside" assimilation meetings were held in member's homes.

Penrith was the host club for an "Inter-city Forum", which was a one-day institute and discussion attended by Rotarians from clubs in the western part of the district. The programme was directed to interest the floor member Rotarians, who were encouraged to discuss various aspects of Rotary.

The Club commenced the year with a membership of 51, but lost three members during the year and after the induction of five new members, showed a net gain of two for a total of 53.

As Service to the Community, the Club organised a "monster" fete in conjunction with the Parents and Citizens Association to raise funds for equipment at the new South Penrith Primary School. Funds were allocated to allow the completion of the Emu Plains Guide and Scouts Hall. Assistance was given to a needy widow and her family to tide them over some months until permanent government assistance was forthcoming. The Club also made a financial donation to the Christmas dinner for aged folk. It also directed and assisted at the fetes held at Nepean District Hospital and Penrith High School.

Financial assistance was given to two District Appeals, The Chilean Earthquake Victims Appeal and the Fund for Asian Students. The Club also contributed to the District 275 Students Exchange Fund and to the Rotary Foundation.

Fellowship was extended by inviting the ladies to four special evenings and inviting four students from each of the primary and secondary schools to a meeting during Education Week. A Rotary Ball was held and widely acclaimed as a great social success. At all social functions President John, a bachelor, enlisted his sister Mrs. Nola Trotter to be his hostess. Nola endeared herself to all and became a member of the Penrith Inner Wheel Club.

The year was an active one due in great measure to President John's Rotary experience and devotion aided by a small solid core of workers. President John considered that his induction into Rotary; the successful launching of the St. Marys Rotary Club; as D.G.'s special representative and his year as President, to be his highest achievements.

John Empson lived for Rotary, to the detriment of his business interests and health. He was an optometrist and also conducted a jewellery shop in High Street adjoining Bamford's Bakery at the corner of High and Station Streets, in what was the Woodriff building. He remained a very active member, serving in many capacities until ill-health forced his resignation in November 1966. He succumbed after a long illness.

16 1960-1961 PRESIDENT ALEX TAYLOR



1960-1961
Alex Taylor H+

1960 marked the induction of Alex Taylor as President. The following officers assisted him in governing the affairs of the Club – I.P.P. John Empson, Vice President Bruce Neale, Secretary Kevin Hepworth Asst. Secretary Bob Bamford, Treasurer P.P. John Cram, Directors P.P. Harry Uren, Bruce Dixon, Warren Pinfold and Wal Fielding.

The International Convention of R.I. was held in Tokyo and was attended by P.P. Alan Hodgson, Brian Lamrock and V.P. Bruce Neale.

Membership at the commencement of the year was 53 and rose to 56 at its end.

Fellowship was excellent in the best traditions of the Club, great care being taken to welcome visitors. Two Ladies Nights were held and Penrith Inner Wheel Club entertained the members at a "Husband's Night" - an event which began in the previous year .

The Rotary Ball was the event of the year. The decor and setting was Japanese, beautifully carried out and provided an attractive setting for the debutantes, who crossed a bridge over a pool amidst peach blossoms.

The District Conference was held at Gosford and was well attended by members and their wives. International goodwill was extended by having excellent speakers from Japan and USA. A tape recording was exchanged with the Rotary Club of Ada, Ohio. Our tape was circulated to other clubs in Ohio.

The major project was directed at assisting youth. Some two years before, members of the Club had procured a former army hut, which had provided temporary accommodation for the Penrith Bowling Club. It was moved to Emu Plains for occupation as a Girl Guide and Boy Scout Hall, by the Penrith Apexians under the leadership of Jack Thumm, later to become a President of the Rotary Club. Funds were required to complete the building and to provide a toilet block.

The Club undertook this task and arranged a fete to raise the funds. This was preceded by a procession down High Street, on the Saturday morning headed by a genuine Cobb & Co coach, complete with four horses. While this caused consternation among shoppers in Penrith, it provided great happiness to the children who were given rides in the coach around Emu Common. The result of the fete enabled the project to be completed. A school essay competition was conducted among the children of the local schools and prizes were provided for other subjects.

President Alex succeeded in consolidating the Club and correcting attitudes and thinking due to careful thought and planning on his part. The year was made more difficult for President Alex due to the anxiety caused by serious injuries suffered by his son in an accident. Membership dropped by 3 during the year and finished at 50.

An account of I.P. Alex's principal activities outside Rotary are set out at the end of the history of his second year as President in 1968-69.

17 1961-1962 PRESIDENT BRUCE NEALE



1961-1962
Bruce Neale H+

President Bruce Neale returned from the Rotary International Convention in Tokyo a few weeks before his induction as President of the Club. He maintained that the spirit of goodwill and friendship shown by all who attended gave him great inspiration as he faced his task of leadership.

The Board of Directors consisted of I.-P.P. Alex Taylor, Vice President Warren Pinfold, Secretary P.P. John Empson, Asst. Secretary Bob Bamford, Treasurer Wal Fielding Directors Brian Lamrock, Bruce Dixon, Frank Vine and Doug Watson. Bruce Dixon and Brian Lamrock shared the duties of Sergeant-at-Arms.

R.I. President Joseph Abbey gave the Rotary world the theme - "Put sincerity into Rotary" for the year. At the changeover his predecessor described President Bruce as "genuine", he was then and still is highly regarded in Penrith for his obvious sincerity, so the man was suited to the hour.

The major projects were in the field of Community Service. It was ascertained that the Glenbrook Boy Scouts Group Committee had commenced to build a hall, but were unable to complete it. A committee headed by Charles Scharkie in conjunction with the Scout Committee received the support of the Eastern Command RAAF Glenbrook and succeeded in raising sufficient money to complete the building at a monster fete. The official opening of the hall took place during the following Rotary year. Another project to assist all Scouts in the Sydney area did not come to fruition despite a great deal of work. The subdivision and development of bushland areas near Sydney had deprived Scouts and similar groups of areas of bushland close to the city where they could camp and live in the bush. For example French's Forest was lost as a nature area.

A Committee consisting of Warren Pinfold and Doug Watson sought suitable sites and found an area of about 50 acres at Glenbrook within walking distance of the railway station and which adjoined the national park. It was planned that the club obtain approval from the Department of Lands and erect fire proof store houses for gear and ablution and toilet blocks thereon. After much trouble the Department of Lands and Blue Mountains City Council agreed, the Area Scout Commissioner was very much in favour, but the NSW Headquarters of the Boy Scouts Association had been offered some buildings at Warragamba Dam as a training centre and turned down the Club's offer.

The Club sponsored a three-day Orchid Festival in conjunction with the Blue Mountains Orchid Society. It was held at the Penrith RSL Memorial Hall and attracted orchid growers from far afield. The profits of 300 pounds were handed to the Thorndale School for Sub-Normal Children. A large automatic electric timing clock to assist in training swimmers, was installed at the Penrith War Memorial Swimming Pool. The Club also raised funds for the provision of two talking books for the blind. These were provided for the NSW Blind Society and given to two blind citizens of Penrith. The Club also assisted at the Nepean District Hospital Fete and with the Quota Club in assisting a needy migrant widow and her children.

The Club contributed to the Rotary Foundation and to the District Students Exchange Fund. President Bruce was able to cement earlier ties with the Lions and Apex Clubs and an excellent spirit of co-operation was fostered. It is interesting to note that the President of Apex that year later became an excellent member of our Rotary Club - Norman Gledhill. The year was marked by the visit of the R.I. President Joseph Abbey to Sydney, where President Bruce and a party of Penrith Rotarians met him at a reception at Sydney Town Hall.

The death of P.P Bruce Neale was a Significant event in the history of this Club and will serve to remind us what Rotary is about. He was a Charter Member, in fact, our last link with those who gave us the opportunity to share Rotary. Like most of our early members, P.P Bruce served the people of Penrith in many capacities which was probably the reason he was invited to join the Club.

When one considers his wide fields of service, the decision to nominate him as our first Paul Harris Fellow in 1979 was hailed with the enthusiastic approval of all.

During his 38 years of Rotary service P.P Bruce was Director several times and served on many committees. It is believed his greatest contribution lay in his geniality and friendliness, he was an example of how important and effective fellowship is in Rotary. PP Bruce was a member of a family who believed in carrying on traditions and this was quietly proved and justifiably so when his son PP Robert became President in that tradition of service.

PP Bruce was born in Penrith and remained a Penrith man until his passing, known to all classes of people with affection and respect and as a supporter of all worthy causes in our community. He ran a large department store in Penrith that was commenced by his forebears. His wide fields of service were:- Nepean Milk Co-Op Ltd - 27 years as a Director - 19 years as Chairman of the Board. Nepean Rowing Club - 2 years as Treasurer - 28 years as President - 7 years as Patron and a Life Member. Penrith Chamber of Commerce - An active member since its inception and President for many years. Penrith Building Society - one of the original Directors forming the Society and Chairman for many years until 1983.



Glenbrook Scout Hall



P.P. John Empson with Warren Pinfold and Charles Scharkie

18 1962-1963 PRESIDENT WARREN PINFOLD



1962-1963
Warren Pinfold H+

President. Warren was at the time of his induction as President, the youngest man ever to lead the Club. His energy and enthusiasm was a guide to his successors when they sought to find younger new members for the Club in order to revitalise it.

This was an interesting year in that President Warren Pinfold and his Board of Directors were able to enthuse a new spirit into the Club. President Warren was assisted by I.P.P. Bruce Neale, Vice President Reg Green, Secretary John Empson, Asst. Secretary Frank Vine, Treasurer Wal Fielding Directors P.P. Roy Handley, Bert Bragg, Ron Barrett and P.P. Alex Taylor.

Fellowship remained at a high level, not only within the Club but with visiting Rotarians and guests, helped considerably, by a good song leader and pianist, Max Upton a song was regularly sung at each meeting.

The International Service Committee realised the need to extend a "friendly hand" to the many Asian students temporarily resident in Sydney. A large number of these people were hosted by members in their homes for weekends and picnic barbecues held on the riverside. One of these functions was attended by District Governor Ed Hill, who was impressed by the project as a means of creating goodwill and better understanding with these students.

The District project of providing an International House at both Sydney University and the University of New South Wales was supported by the Club. A Rotary Debutante Ball was held at the Penrith R.S.L. Memorial Hall which was a social success. The Orchid Festival was sponsored in conjunction with the Blue Mountains Orchid Society. Again this brought many interested people from all over the Sydney Metropolitan area to Penrith during the three days it was held. Penrith Torchbearers for Legacy received 600 pounds as a result of the festival.

The Club combined with Lions and Apex in providing transport for two crippled Girl Guides from Kingswood to Turramurra over the period of six weeks in order that they could attend a special training course. Crippled Children were also taken to a picnic on the banks of the Nepean River and provided with speed boat rides.

Financial assistance was given to the following:- (1) The NSW Crippled Children's Association; (2) Mission for Seamen; (3) Anti-TB Association, Spastic Centre; (4) Freedom from Hunger Campaign; (5) Nepean District Hospital. The Club donated concrete for the swimming pool at Werrington Park Child Welfare Home and held a special function which raised 175 pounds for the 2nd Penrith Boy Scouts Hall.

P.P. Warren was brought up in Newcastle and spent the first 17 years of his working life in the coalmining industry mainly in surveying and management. When he left coalmining, he came to Penrith in 1956 and managed several sand & gravel quarries for Blue Metal Industries. He was later elevated to the position of General Superintendent and was responsible for most of their NSW operations in quarrying, concrete & transport.

One lasting contribution he has made to our district is the Penrith Lakes Scheme which he proposed and commenced in 1968 just a couple of years before his early retirement due to ill health.



1963-1964
Reg Green +

During the year, President Reg Green, a Rotarian of considerable experience, who was supported by I.P.P. Warren Pinfold, Vice President Brian Lamrock, Secretary, P.P. Mavon May, Assistant Secretary P.P. Roy Handley, Treasurer Frank Cronin, Directors Max Upton, Arthur Bennett P.P. John Empson, and Bert Bragg, realised that genuine fellowship was vital to Rotary Service as proclaimed in the first object of Rotary.

The Club was losing its effective drive as a service club, its activities were being supported by a small hard-core of devoted Rotarians. This was mainly due to the fact that when the Club was chartered its members were almost all middle-aged men, who, as time passed, could not be asked to work at the rate they had in earlier days. Furthermore a tendency towards conservatism arose perhaps due to this ageing process. Of course there had been some excellent achievements in the preceding years, but service is largely an attitude of mind and requires grass-roots acceptance.

Club Service under V.P. Brian fostered fellowship at the weekly meetings. Several Ladies Nights were organised, a theatre party of 70 attended the "King and I" at the Tivoli Theatre preceded by dinner. Smaller parties were organised and a special Christmas meeting held at V.P. Brian's home with a wine-tasting which followed created an atmosphere of conviviality and "getting to know you". A combined service club dinner with the Apex and Lions Club was well supported as was the District Ball at Menzies Hotel, Sydney.

The Community Service Committee with Max Upton as Chairman concentrated on two principal projects. The first was to assist 2nd Penrith Boy Scouts to complete their hall, money for the purpose was raised at a Golf Day and a Fete. The Club provided about 165 pounds towards the project. The other project was to provide special equipment for the Nepean School for Crippled Children. This money was raised at a Golf Day at Penrith and two "mixed" Bowls Days at Wallacia. Equipment costing over 300 pounds was donated. The Club also donated library books to Nepean High School to the value of 100 pounds and gave a prize to Penrith Technical College and pictures to furnish the new Kingswood South Primary School.

The International Service Committee with Arthur Bennett as Chairman was under pressure to organize the Club's support for the Combined District Appeal for International House. This project caused considerable controversy and dissent among the clubs of the two districts. There was great divergence of opinion within Penrith Club so donations to the appeal were left to individual members which were supplemented by the Club resulting in 100 pounds being given.

President Reg was able to give sound advice to the succeeding President in the formulation of a policy of extension and revitalization which later proved so effective. Membership had a net gain of 2 and finished with 51.

P.P. Reg spent his boyhood at Junee, Werris Creek and Grafton. He attended Tamworth High School, Hurlstone Agricultural College and Grafton High School after which he worked for the Commonwealth Bank. He served three years in the Army being commissioned in Artillery, after which he returned to the bank. In 1953, he went into his brother's accounting office at Maclean studying until he qualified as a Chartered Accountant, after which he came to Penrith in 1957 to practice. He joined our Club in December that year and was a member until he left the district in 1976.

20 1964-1965 PRESIDENT BRIAN LAMROCK



1964-1965
Brian Lamrock H+

The year commenced with a strong Board of Directors under the leadership of President Brian Lamrock. They were I.P.P. Reg Green, Vice President Joe Strong (part) then Jack Thumm (part), Secretary P.P. Alex Taylor, Assistant Secretary David Forrest (part), Joe Strong (part), Treasurer Frank Cronin. The Directors were P.P. Mavon May, P.P. John Empson, Joe Strong (part), John Holmes (part) and Hugh Millingen (part).

The Board had no sooner planned the projects and activities for the year when three members resigned due to transfers from the area or loss of classification. These included Vice-President Joe Strong, Assistant Secretary David Forrest and Directors Tom Hungerford and Joe Hastings. Jack Thumm who had been President and Director of Penrith Apex Club was appointed Assistant Secretary and later Vice-President, John Holmes was elected a Director in lieu of Tom Hungerford but later resigned due to loss of classification.

The need to replace membership losses as well as increasing the number of new younger members was apparent. Many classifications were opened and four new members were inducted. A further four members' applications were processed but were inducted early in the following Rotary year.

The Club was very involved in local community service. Financial and actual physical assistance was given to 1st Penrith Girl Guides Group on the building of the Guide Centre at Kingswood. Financial assistance was given to the Kingswood School for Crippled Children, a cause which had been close to the heart of Penrith Rotarians ever since the Club was formed. The Nepean District Hospital was assisted by the conduct of stalls at its annual fete. The need was seen for the provision of park shelters in Judges Park, adjacent to the main shopping area of Penrith. Sketch plans were sent from England by President Brian's son-in-law Robin McKay, later to become a very active and enthusiastic member of the Club. A pavilion was erected by the Club which was in daily use for many years.

The Club initiated plans to convert the waste lands adjoining the Great Western Highway, west of the Castlereagh Road, into a park and gardens. While the Club was not directly involved, the Penrith City Council did carry the idea to fruition and the Woodriff Gardens now provide an attractive western entrance to the city and a fitting memorial to the pioneer Woodriff family. It is to the credit of the Club that it started as a Rotary idea.

During the year the District Governor urged all Clubs to increase their support for the district programme of building International Houses at the Sydney and N.S.W. Universities. The Club responded once more to this appeal. This was a very large project and extended over three years, it was not popular among the clubs and the fact that it dragged on in time caused much dissatisfaction and adverse discussion for several years that followed.

The inter-relationship between Rotary, Lions and Apex was consciously fostered under the direction of V.P. Jack Thumm and inter-club discussions were initiated with a view to a worthwhile joint project which was well received in principle but was not effected until several years later.

The Club continued to meet at the Log Cabin Hotel where fellowship was excellent. Two Ladies Nights were held with specially-selected programs which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. For the first time the Club Christmas Party was held in a private home, that of President Brian. The weather was fine and the members and their wives enjoyed being in his large garden overlooking the river. The function, thanks to the hospitality of President Brian and his wife Mavis, was a great success.

The Club started the year with a membership of 51, and ended the year with 48, a net loss of three. The year which commenced with enthusiasm and promise became one of incessant problems for the President and his Board. Plans had to be changed at short notice and continuity was difficult. The planned re-vitalization suffered a set-back, but despite problems and frustrations the Club was effective in general Rotary service and made lasting contributions to the local community. This was due no doubt to the long Rotary service of the Club's President and Board in their wisdom and dedication to their tasks.

P.P. Brian came to Penrith from Tamworth in 1925 when his father took over the practice which became A.S Lamrock & Son. He was dux of Penrith High School before going to "Kings". P.P. Brian performed much public service, as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Board of Nepean District Hospital from 1942 to 1981; he was a founder of the near Western Law Society and served two terms as an Alderman of Penrith Council. P.P. Brian was a great supporter of scouting having been a scout himself He was made a Paul Harris Fellow in 1980 to acknowledge his Rotary and Community service.



Woodriff Gardens



1st Penrith Girl Guides Centre at Kingswood

20 1965-1966 PRESIDENT JACK THUMM



1965-1966
Jack Thumm *

The planning for the year, carried out by the incoming Board of Directors during the previous year suffered a severe blow due to the resignation of the President-Elect Joe Strong shortly before the changeover. It was very much to his credit that Jack Thumm agreed to accept the Presidency at such short notice and without the benefit of pre-planning the year's activities.

President Jack had served as a Director, but had not long been a member of Rotary, however, he had been a member of Penrith Apex Club for many years and served that Club in many capacities including that of President. President Jack and his Board were also faced with problems from the outset due to the long absence of Community Service Director Tom Sanders and the resignations of several key members.

The Board of Directors comprised: President Jack Thumm, I.P.P. Brian Lamrock, Vice President Doug Watson, Secretary P.P. Alex Taylor, Asst. Secretary Bill Hales, Treasurer Frank Cronin, Directors P.P. Mavon May, John Uren, Wal Fielding and Tom Sanders.

Membership stood at 48 at the commencement of the year which ended with 49 members. Six members resigned and one died and eight were inducted showing a net gain of one. It seemed that the planned membership drive was unspectacular, but the Membership Committee worked hard and many nominations were processed, some of which led to inductions during the following year.

Hec Ross who had rendered such fine service in the past and who had been forced to resign from the Club some years earlier due to loss of classification was elected to Honorary Membership. This was hailed with enthusiasm by the Club which once more enjoyed his fellowship and service. Hec had been an outstanding citizen, especially in the field of hospital administration and the honour was well deserved. Hec was later to fill an active classification and to become Club President. During the year the Club welcomed the return of P.P. John Knox to Penrith and as a member. After leaving Penrith P.P. John had been a member of Gosford and North Sydney Clubs.

The weekly programs were good, covering all avenues of Rotary Service under a Committee comprised of P.P. Bruce Neale, Baden Falconer and Harold Corr. One outstanding evening was arranged, the speaker being the Consul-General for the United States. Job talks were regularly given by members and a number provided autobiographies which were well received and resulted in a greater appreciation of the speakers by their fellow members. Fellowship was excellent, greatly due to the wit of Sergeant-at-Arms Hugh Millingen and P.P. Mavon May. Two ladies Nights and a Christmas Party were great successes.

The Club was active in service to the community and provided a coffee bar which was sorely needed by people waiting in the out-patients department of the Nepean District Hospital.

The popularity and use by so many of the shelter-pavilion erected in Judges Park, Penrith, during the preceding year led the Club to erect a second one similar in design to the former. A large number of members participated in the job and much good fellowship resulted. Members also participated in a picnic for Crippled Children on the river, organised by President Jack and Lloyd Wood.

Members were on call to provide transport for these children to special venues. Members also assisted in transporting furniture for various bodies and at the fetes held at Nepean District and the Governor Phillip Hospitals, and for the Orchid Festival held at the Governor Phillip Hospital. Members also took part in discussion held by the Directors of the Governor Phillip Hospital on the proposals to set up a Day Geriatric Centre.

The earlier project of providing a camp site for Scouts at Glenbrook was further pursued. Investigations were commenced which led to the building of the heated therapeutic swimming pool at the Nepean School for Crippled Children during the following two Rotary years.

Vocational Service Director Wal Fielding arranged a visit by school children to the Qantas installation at Mascot. Framed copies of the "Four-Way Test" were given to the local high schools.

Substantial financial donations were made to the War Widows Guild, the Foundation of Aboriginal Affairs and to the Eunogouia Bush Nursing Centre sponsored by Miss Nancy Bird.

P.P. Jack Thumm grew up at Neutral Bay. He put his age up to enlist in the Second A.I.F. He served in New Guinea with distinction being mentioned in Dispatches. He moved to Penrith in 1947, where he was employed as a carpenter later becoming a self employed building contractor. He joined our Club in 1961, following years of very active service in Penrith Apex Club. He served this Club as a Director, then as President. He retired from Rotary in February 1995 and moved to Runaway Bay on the Queensland Gold Coast.

22 1966-1967 PRESIDENT DOUG WATSON



1966-1967
Doug Watson H

The year 1966-1967 represented the third year of planned consolidation with the ultimate goal of infusing a more youthful and vigorous membership intake into the Club.

The Club was led by President Doug Watson, I.P.P. Jack Thumm, Vice President Arthur Bennett, Secretary Bill Hales, Asst. Secretary Jim Kinder, Treasurer Frank Cronin, Vocational Service Director Dick Sheppard, International Service Bob Sommerville, Community Service Bernie Fowler and Rotary Information Dave Collie (part) Len Lord (part).

The greatest achievements were in the field of Community Service. Very early in the year an urgent need became apparent for a portable humidicrib for use in Ambulances transporting newly-born infants from Nepean District Hospital to Sydney. This was provided and the ambulances were specially wired by David Roberts within one week of the need being known by the Club. David later became a Rotarian. The Nepean District Hospital was also helped as usual in its fund-raising ventures. It also became apparent that the local ambulances were not equipped with rescue gear necessary on occasions at motor accidents and the three units were equipped by the Club with wrecking bars, axes, ropes and the like.

The two largest projects benefited the Crippled Children's Association. The Club provided the executive organisers and collectors for the "Forget -me-not" door-knock appeal, resulting in a total collected in our area in excess of the target set. The main project resulted in raising the necessary funds to provide a heated therapeutic swimming pool at the School for Crippled Children at Kingswood. Due to problems of design and bad weather the project was only just started by the end of the Rotary year, being completed and enclosed during the following year.

In the field of International Service, The Club assisted the District project to build a primary school in rural Thailand and we were addressed by a prominent Rotary visitor from Thailand on the educational needs of that country.

The Vocational Service Committee organised a successful careers night at the Nepean High School. Jim Kinder organised over 50 counsellors and over 2,000 students and parents were interviewed. Hec Ross arranged excellent well-balanced weekly programs and P.P. Mavon May organised many fund-raising efforts at local sporting clubs. Fellowship under Frank Miller was excellent and the Club held its first "Beef and Burgundy" Night in the President's garden.

The Club had a stable membership this year both starting and finishing with 49. In retrospect the Club showed steady growth a culmination of the plans made two years before.

P.P. Doug grew up in the waterside suburbs of Northern Sydney and attended North Sydney High School. He was a keen swimmer, sailor, oarsman and scout rising to scout master. He served for the duration of the Second World War in Tobruk Syria, New Guinea and Darwin, after which in 1946 he joined P.P. Brian Lamrock as a partner having completed his Law Course in 1939. He served as an elder of St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church and with Jim Kinder formed the Nepean Legacy Group. Doug renewed his interest in scouting as an executive member of the committee when 1st Penrith Troop was formed.

23 1967-1968 PRESIDENT ARTHUR BENNETT



1967-1968
Arthur Bennett

During the 1967-1968 Rotary year the well-laid plan commenced three years before to revitalise the Club with young members came to fruition, 15 new members were inducted and although, for various reasons, eight former members left the Club, the membership rose to 56. This placed a great responsibility on the Rotary Information Committee - P.P. Alex Taylor, P.P. Warren Pinfold and Hugh Millingen to ensure the assimilation of the new members.

The Club was led by President Arthur Bennett, I.P.P. Doug Watson, Vice President Bernie Fowler (part) then Arthur Baxter (part). Then P.P. Alex Taylor (part), Jim Kinder was Secretary, Bill Hales Asst. Secretary, Frank Cronin Treasurer, Vocational Service Director P.P. Mavon May, International Service Bob Sommerville (part) then Bernie Fowler (part), Community Service Len Lord and Rotary Information P.P. Warren Pinfold.

The International Service Committee suffered the loss of two successive chairmen who left the district, however, the Club hosted 14 Asian students for a weekend, participated in the visit of the G.S.E. team from Oregon, USA and hosted these at a combined Rotary Dinner at the Log Cabin Hotel.

Once again a very successfully Careers Night was held at Penrith High School when over 3,000 students and parents were counselled. This was arranged by the Vocational Service Committee and Jim Kinder. Lectures on various topics were given by Rotarians to young people at Penrith Golf Club. During Education Week, teachers and pupils of the three secondary schools in the area were invited to a special Rotary meeting. Len Lord arranged a tour by 24 high school pupils to learn more of the dairy industry.

The largest project was conducted in the field of community service. The project commenced during the previous year to provide a therapeutic swimming pool at the Nepean School for Crippled Children, was completed and enclosed. It was opened by Sir Kenneth Coles, a Past President of Sydney Rotary Club and President of the NSW Crippled Children's Association. The Club also provided two outings for the Crippled Children, the first was a Harbour Cruise organised in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Parramatta, the second was a picnic day on the Nepean River.



A grand piano was presented to Penrith High School. The fellows also participated in the successful door-knock appeal for "Austcare" as well as at fetes held by Nepean District Hospital and the Governor Phillip Special Hospital.

Fellowship was good and the fellows attended several Ladies Nights, a "Beef and Burgundy" Night at Len Lord's home, a "Corn-on-the-Cob" Night, theatre parties and an "Antique" evening at Jim Scott's and a car rally.

P.P. Brian Lamrock organised a tour of New Zealand by 32 Rotarians, friends and their wives thus meeting many New Zealand Rotarians. The tour resulted in a profit of \$834 which was paid into the project fund.

A successful Orchid Festival was held at Penrith RSL Club in conjunction with the Blue Mountains Orchid Society, once again P.P. Harry Uren assisted in organizing the two-day festival.

For many years, P.P. Arthur ran the business, "Nepean Dry Cleaners". The business was the largest dry cleaner in the area at the time. Later, he ran a local newspaper, the "Nepean Herald", which he later sold. He joined the Club in September 1955. He served as Director in 1956/7, and 1963/4. He was Vice President in 1966/7. In 1973/4, he was a member of the organizing committee for the District Assembly. P.P. Arthur was appointed as the District Governor's special representative for the formation of the South Penrith Club in 1976/7 and left Penrith Club to become foundation President of the new club. He was a keen member of the Nepean Association for Crippled Children.



Members of the touring party to New Zealand organised by P.P. Brian Lamarck

24 1968-1969 PRESIDENT ALEX TAYLOR



1968-1969
Alex Taylor H+

The year commenced on a difficult note. Shortly before the change-over of Presidents, President-elect, Arthur Baxter, notified the Board of Directors that for unforeseen personal reasons he could not assume office. The Board called upon a group of active Past Presidents for advice. Having regard to the fact that V.P. Len Lord was young in Rotary experience and as he felt that he was insufficiently prepared to be President, the Past Presidents were of the opinion that the Club's interests would be best served by a Past President presiding over the Club for the year and submitted the name of P.P. Alex Taylor, who had been President eight years before and was willing to carry out the duties.



The officers were: P.P. Alex Taylor (President), Arthur Bennett I.P.P., Len Lord Vice-President, Lloyd Petrie Secretary, John Flynn Asst. Secretary, Keith Nunn Treasurer, Bernie Fowler, Vocational Service, Norm Gledhill International Service, Jim Scott Community Service and P.P. Warren Pinfold Rotary Information.

It was expected by President Alex that the year would merely present a "holding operation", however, the fellows who knew him realised that this would not be so, and aided by a very keen Board, the year became a very active one.

In Club Service, the programs were placed in the hands of a three-man committee with very good results. The Rotary Information Committee under P.P. Warren Pinfold embarked on effective education and assimilation; six visits to other clubs were organised by Wal Fielding, fellowship was excellent and Sergeant-at-Arms John Roach provided notable good feeling. Bill Hales as Bulletin editor, provided a weekly news-sheet of excellent standard.

Jim Scott was Chairman of the Community Service Committee, which under his enthusiastic leadership organised a car rally, theatre night and barbecue which assisted not only in fund raising but fellowship. Two social highlights were the Orchid Festival organised in conjunction with the Blue Mountains Orchid Society and the Rotary Debutante Ball. District Governor John Moon received the "Debs", trained by Mrs Marj Ross, Matron of Honour and wife of fellow Hec. The Club ran a very successful stall at the Nepean District Hospital Fete.

As a result of the Committee's activities the Club gave \$1000 to the Governor Phillip Special Hospital, \$700 to the Nepean School for Crippled Children and also assisted Penrith Boy Scouts, Blue Mountains Concert Society, Penrith Technical College and the Mission for Seamen. The children attending the Nepean School for Crippled Children were taken on five outings to Sydney and Warragamba by Club members.

International Service Director Norm Gledhill and his Committee made considerable progress in the matched club programme with clubs in Scotland and Sweden. A water supply for a Leprosarium in Macau was provided by the Rotary Club of Macau with funds sent from our Club and others in the District as a world community service project. A large consignment of school books was collected packed and dispatched to a school in New Guinea as well as a cash donation administered by the Rotary Club of Port Moresby.

The Chairman, Bernie Fowler and his Vocational Service Committee organised a youth or student guidance or advisory service which was continuously open to them. In addition speakers on vocational topics were included in the weekly programs as well as short "What's new in my business" talks by members.

The District Governor invited the Club to be host club to the District Assembly held at Medlow Bath on 19th, 20th and 21st June, 1969. The work of organizing the administration was carried out by Bill Hales with his accustomed attention to detail and the active organization of transportation by P.P. Arthur Bennett with his usual zeal. They were assisted by 12 other members on a roster basis. The success of the assembly from the organization view-point gave the Club added prestige in the district and gave our Club a sense of pride.

The year was a vintage year in that President Alex obtained the active involvement of every member in Club activities and turned the "holding operation" into a year of achievement.

The Club owes P.P. Alex a great debt in his acceptance of the office a second time and for the manner in which he carried out his duties. It was fitting that later he was made a Paul Harris Fellow by the Club.

PP Alex continued as a valued member of the Club until his resignation on 9th January, 1978. He was a foundation member of the Penrith Technical College District Committee serving as its Secretary for 14 years. He was also Secretary of the Penrith Public School Committee for several years and was President of the Electricity Supply Engineers Association of NSW. He also served on Meals on Wheels Committee for 5 or 6 years acting as Chairman following PP Hec Ross being unable to carry on. He was an active member of St Stephen's Church of England serving on the Parish council for some years. He worked for Prospect County Council until his retirement. He and his wife Beryl still live in Penrith.

25 1969-1970 PRESIDENT LEN LORD



1969-1970
Len Lord +

The Club was led by President Len Lord, I.P.P. Alex Taylor, Vice President John Roach, Secretary Lloyd Petrie, Treasurer Keith Nunn, Directors Jim Scott, Dick Wilkinson, Norm Gledhill and **Bill** Hales. Harvey Joyner served as Assistant Secretary.

President Len delegated the job of forming a Rotaract Club to P.P. Arthur Bennett, who with his usual enthusiasm achieved the object and a Club of 46 members was chartered on 7th May, 1970.

Under President Len's leadership fund raising became a "fun thing". The fellows became involved in many activities including three barbecues, three ladies nights, a prawn night at Norm Gledhill's, a car rally picnic and theatre night marking the closure of the Avon Theatre. The members ran stalls at the Cherrywood Village and Nepean District Hospital Fetes and transported crippled children's wheelchairs to functions and accommodated Youth Exchange students. P.P. Brian Lamrock arranged a tour of Tasmania. A very successful Debutante Ball was held.

The Club provided a sound (P.A.) system at Penrith Primary School, assisted the Foundation for the Disabled (Cherrywood Village) and supported the Penrith Technical College. The Club sponsored four young people at the R.Y.L.A. Seminar, two on its own behalf and two nominees from the newly-formed Mt Druitt Club.

The principal thrust was in International Service. It was found that a small rural school in New Guinea training youths in farm production, was in need of a tractor; this was procured, prepared for use and duly dispatched to Bogia, New Guinea. It was an exercise in the use of the individual special talents of a number of the fellows.

Contact was kept with the Rotary Club of Macau, which erected a reservoir at the Ka Ho Leprosarium with materials provided by Penrith and several other clubs in the District. The Club hosted a G.S.E. team from District 330 (South East Area).

A notable achievement was the formation of the Rotaract Club of Penrith embracing the Lower Blue Mountains and St. Marys. later it was to be divided into two clubs. The Charter was presented on 7th May, 1970 by District Governor Tom Howieson before a large number of distinguished citizens and Rotarians from Penrith, St. Marys and Blaxland/Springwood. The members of this Club deeply impressed everyone by their appearance and attitude; they confirmed in the minds of the older generation confidence in this succeeding generation.

There was a larger turnover in membership than usual. Eleven new members were inducted and we lost seven to finish the year with 58.

P.P. Len spent his younger days, which were the depression years, around West Wallsend, near Newcastle and it was here that he started dealing in cattle and other rural pursuits. He later spent many years in the Burraborang Valley in similar activities until this valley was flooded by the Warragamba Dam. Oon after, he came to live in Castlereagh where he was employed as Rural Manager for the River Sand & Gravel Company. He was in charge of several large dairies along the Nepean River supplying milk to the Sydney market as well as several other farming activities. He has continued with cattle dealing since his retirement.

26 1970-1971 PRESIDENT JOHN ROACH



1970-1971
John Roach *

During 1970-1971 Rotary year, Penrith Club celebrated its first 25 years of service. The event was celebrated at a function on 15th May, 1971 which was addressed by Charter President Oscar Fletcher, who despite his advancing years, proved that Rotary was still very much a part of his life..

The office-bearers were - President John Roach, I.P.P. Len Lord, Vice President Jim Scott, Secretary Harvey Joyner, Assistant Secretary Terry Gibbs, Treasurer Roy Besley, Director of Vocational Service Bill Hales & Jock Ross, International Service Hec Ross, Community Service Peter Hendriks, Rotary Information P.P. Alex Taylor.

The Community Service Committee under Peter Hendriks organised a picnic for 40 children from Nepean District Crippled Children's School on the Nepean Rivet including a barbecue and speed boat rides which was a highlight in the lives of these children. The Club also assisted Cherrywood Village and Nepean District Hospital.

Various items of equipment to the value of \$600 were provided for the new school at Cambridge Park and the nucleus of a library at the Mulgoa Primary School was provided in memory of Rotarian Don Peel who was headmaster of the school and whose untimely death occurred during the year. Financial assistance was given to the Crippled Children's Association, Nepean Hospital Auxiliary, Emu Plains Boy Scouts, The Mission for Seamen and Red Cross. In conjunction with the Nepean Canoe Club a "Paddle-thon" was conducted, the proceeds from which were sent to the Rotary Club of Hong Kong to provide 12 handicapped youths with one year's technical training. 200kg of books and medical supplies were sent to a native school in New Britain.

Membership continued to grow by a net gain of 8 bringing the total to 66.

P.P. John is a native of Windsor and attended Richmond High School after which he served his time as an apprentice boiler maker in Penrith. Then, he worked for several employers who carried out projects for Harry Seidlers firm. In 1965 he went into business on his own account one large job being at the construction of the Tullamarine Airport. His activities have been widespread. P.P' John joined the club in 1968 and was the youngest president at that time, in the Club History. He remained a member until 1978. He is still an active swimmer and tennis player.

Nearly 40 years on and PP John is still actively digging at the coal face. The engineering business continues to supply the daily 'brain food' necessary to keep the structure in motion. His son Dean has taken over the hot and heavy side of things and PP John is involved with design and innovation.

PP John's Wife, Jill, suffered from dementia since 2011 and is now beautifully cared for in a Nursing Hostel at Rooty Hill.

PP John tells us "It's comforting to know that many Rotarians (and Inner Wheel ladies) past and present continue to be amongst my closest friends. My Rotary years in the 70's were blessed with wonderful fellowship and happy times, always to be remembered with great affection."

27 1971-1972 PRESIDENT JIM SCOTT



1971-1972
Jim Scott H+

The Board consisted - President Jim Scott, I.P.P. John Roach, Vice President Bob Holt, Secretary Laurie Alcorn, Treasurer Roy Besley, Peter Hendrikx, Hec Ross, Bill Hales and Warren Pinfold (Directors), Harold Corr (Assistant Secretary).

The Governor Phillip Special Hospital had engaged in a building extension and this was the main project of the Year - \$1300 being given by the Club towards it. The Club also supported a number of charities and causes - Salvation Army, Chenywood Village, Smith Family, The Mission for Seamen and Nepean District Hospital. In addition, financial support was given to Kingswood Primary School, Penrith Technical College, the new Pre-School Kindergarten and the Penrith Pipe Band.

The Club quickly reacted to the needs of the Townsville Cyclone Disaster victims by immediately sending funds to help.

The International Service Committee chaired by Peter Hendrikx arranged with St. Marys Club to host the G.S.E. team from Indiana, USA apart from conducting the team through its inspections of places of interest a joint meeting was arranged which was well attended and which abounded with good fellowship.

Bill Hales and his Vocational Service Committee organised a most successful Career Information Centre at the Penrith Plaza Shopping Centre between 8th and 13th October, 1971. It was organised in conjunction with the Penrith Commonwealth Employment Service. Club members attended as counsellors or found substitutes when required. This service attracted considerable notice outside our District and was visited by District Governor Eric Blarney several senior officers of the Commonwealth Employment Service and representatives of the Victorian Apprenticeship Board. The job talks by members at weekly meetings continued and were well received.

Membership started at 66 was reduced by the deaths of two- popular members Bill Chapman, a great citizen who had served for many years as an Alderman, Mayor and as Member of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales for Nepean, The other was Lisle (Pop) Spence, a Charter Member of our Club who had served as President in 1948-1949 (short biographical note appears in the history of that year). Karl Pesle resigned during the year. There were six new members inducted thus the membership at the end of the year was 70.

The ladies were included in many activities such as evenings at Borec House, Penrith Bowling Club and a Christmas Social at the Golf Club. The most profitable function was a Rotary Ball held at Borec House Ballroom. A barbecue was held at Peter Hendrikx' home which appealed to those who preferred informality.

P.P. Jim Scott started working as a motor mechanic in the depression years. He later developed an auto spare parts business in High Street, opposite where the Penrith Plaza is now. He still retains a family interest in this field, his son John has expanded the business to the large firm called "Auto One". Jim has always been a hard worker with many "irons in the fire". Some 30 years ago he owned and operated the Dungowan Theatre in Station Street. The Dungowan was originally a dance hall where our Club celebrated it's Charter Night. His interest in vintage & veteran cars of which he owned a great number, led him to the modern movie world where he supplied these vehicles and props for several films and he also appeared in one of them.

28 1972-1973 PRESIDENT HEC ROSS



1972-1973
Hec Ross +

President Hec at the commencement of the year stated that he believed in the maxim that we need "Rotary in Men" rather than "Men in Rotary".

President Hec's officers for the year were I.P.P. Jim Scott, Vice President Laurie Alcorn, Secretary Arthur Baxter, Treasurer Roy Besley, Directors: Peter Hendrikx, Robin McKay, Harold Corr and P.P. Warren Pinfold, Kerr Chatfield was Assistant Secretary.

The International Service Committee organised a weekend entertainment for Asian students and involved the Club in the G.S.E. project. The Club became involved in the Youth Exchange programme, sent books to the school at Ewasse, New Britain and investigated a project of sending cattle to Tonga.

During the year the Club sponsored Miss Kang Kim Swee, a Malaysian girl, who underwent her nursing training in Sydney. Wendy Gledhill went to Oregon, USA as our exchange student. A service of providing job and career advising was provided by members to local high schools. The Club nominated Adrian Lamrock and Paul Healey to attend the R YL.A. Seminar at Vision Valley.

The Community Service Committee held an excellent Rodeo with the assistance of Apex, Lions, Rotaract and Inner Wheel. Assistance was rendered at fetes held by Nepean District Hospital, Governor Phillip Special Hospital, Cherrywood Village and Nepean School for Crippled Children. Christmas food parcels were distributed to needy families and assistance given to underprivileged children. Further money was forthcoming to enable needy children at Penrith Primary School to attend school excursions. These needs gave rise to the formation the next year of a special fund for this purpose. The Club gave \$100 to Kingswood High School towards a stage in the auditorium. The newly-erected Police and Citizens Boys Club was equipped with a public address system and a short-wave therapy unit was donated to the Governor Phillip Special Hospital. New trolleys and over - bed tables were given to the Nepean District Hospital.

Four new members were inducted but we lost six and ended the year with 68.

PP Hec passed away on 6th August, 1978 after a long illness. His life of service to the community was an inspiration to the Club. Before he left the RAAF in 1949 he had been involved in the organization of Children's charities and on coming to Penrith in 1950 continued his work in similar fields such as being on the Parents Committee which built the 1st Penrith Scout's Clubroom.

With P.P Harry Uren he was responsible for setting up the Aged Citizen's Centre. In 1961 he was appointed a foundation Director of the Governor Phillip Hospital on which he served 15 years and 7 of these as Chairman. The "Hec Ross" wing of that hospital was named for him in appreciation of his services. He also served on the executive committee of the Hospital Association of NSW. In 1967 PP Hec was appointed to the Board of the Nepean District Hospital where he served until 1976 He was also President of Meals on Wheels for 4 years before his death. For many years before his retirement Hec worked for Qantas and was in charge of all its catering arrangements. Shortly after his death a letter was received seeking his acceptance of a BE but as it must be accepted in person, that honour was never bestowed.

29 1973-1974 PRESIDENT LAURIE ALCORN



1973-1974
Laurie Alcorn +

The Club activities during this year were well-planned and several new ideas were introduced in two committees. The duties of Sergeant-at-Arms under Bill Hales' chairmanship was shared between Bill, John Roach, Dick Wilkinson and David Roberts, providing variation for the members. The Bulletin editor John Knox also had the assistance of Darel Mullen, Bob Taggart and Bruce Frazer until Bruce took over the duties of Secretary, thus spreading the onerous duty of the weekly publication among four people.

The Club was led by President Laurie Alcorn, who, though young in Rotary had a wide experience having served as Vice-President, Secretary and as Chairman of several committees.

The Board comprised Rotarians who all had a wealth of Rotary knowledge and experience. President was Laurie Alcorn, I.P.P. Hec Ross, Vice-President, Ralph Rylance, Secretary Roger Hogg (part) Bruce Frazer (part), Asst. Secretary Bruce Frazer (part) Peter Hendrikx (part), Treasurer Harvey Joyner, Director Vocational Service Norm Gledhill, International Service Kerr Chatfield, Community Service Gerry Taylor, and Rotary Information Len Lord.

The Club achieved three "first-ers" - firstly there was the setting up of the "Underprivileged Children's Fund", a trust fund which was to provide funds to assist children who for various reasons would otherwise have been disadvantaged among their peers by not being able to take part in many school and other activities. This was similar in concept to the policy which Legacy had adopted and remains a very worthwhile investment in youth. The fund was founded with a credit balance of \$1300. The names of recipients are kept private so that their dignity cannot suffer. In all, during the first year of operation, seven children were assisted. The administration of the fund called for constant liaison with schools and various other organisations. The names of recipients are known only to a small committee to ensure that no embarrassment may result to the donees.

The second of these "firsts" was the first District Assembly of the newly-formed District 269. The assembly was held at Medlow Bath and Penrith Club was given the honour of organizing it and being the host club. The weekend ran very smoothly and set a standard for the future. The success of the Assembly was in large measure due to the efficiency of Bill Hales as an administrator who was chairman of a committee consisting of P.P. Warren Pinfold, P.P. Arthur Bennett, P.P. Hec Ross and P.P. Doug Watson, most of whom had done this task on prior occasions.

The third "first" was the arrival of our first overseas exchange student Keiko Naruse. Keiko arrived from Tokyo in March, 1974 and within weeks captured the hearts of all Rotarians and their wives. She proved to be an outstanding girl charmingly friendly, intelligent and possessing a wonderful sense of honour. The Club was very fortunate in hosting such an outstanding girl as its first exchange student as she allayed any fears which members may have had before. Her selection does credit to the care taken by the selection committee of her home district. Keiko has since returned to Penrith and her host parents for a holiday and has been visited in Japan by members visiting Japan. She is very active in counselling and preparing exchange students bound for Australia and spends much of her time speaking to Rotary Clubs and other groups on her experiences in Australia thus making a very valuable contribution to international understanding and goodwill.

In addition to the reception of Keiko our exchange student, the Club, through the International Service Committee, sponsored Dr. Michael Christie as a member of the G.S.E. team which visited Long Island, New York and in return hosted the members of a similar team from Texas. The Club welcomed Wendy Gledhill home from the USA and Jenny Judd departed as our exchange student to Indiana, USA.

The Club again fostered goodwill between service clubs in the district; a combined dinner was held with Lions and Apex and a joint project was undertaken to provide a special wheelchair for a young paraplegic. John Scott was President of Penrith Apex at the time and is now President-Elect of this Club.

In the field of Community Service, the Club made a significant contribution to the Districts' Appeal for the assistance of the Queensland Flood victims. Similar assistance was rendered to the local Civil Rehabilitation Group, the District Ethiopia Appeal, Red Cross and Legacy. The Nepean District Hospital and Penrith School were assisted by the Club, conducting stalls at their fetes. A talking book was provided for a blind citizen.

Funds were provided to ensure that an underprivileged student in Malaysia could continue her secondary schooling. Teaching aids and materials were provided for a primary school in Sarawak and for the Airmen's' School at Ewassee, New Guinea. An amount equal to \$2 per member was subscribed to the Districts 275/268/269 International Fellowship Fund. The Club again supported the Rotary Foundation.

The Vocational Service Committee again organised a successful Careers Advisory Night at Penrith High School, with the assistance of Mr. Chris Dawes of the C.E.S. and Mr. Ron Foote, the Penrith High School counsellor. Nine hundred students from all local secondary schools were counselled.

"What's New in My Business" talks were included in the weekly programs and suitable speakers addressed the Club from time to time. Articles were also included in the Bulletin. The Club enjoyed a conducted tour of the Nashua factory at Emu Plains.

Fellowship was excellent, and the social side of the Club life well catered for with Ladies Nights and by the inclusion of ladies at several weekly meetings. The fund-raising events such as the Rodeo, Car Trial and Western Night provided good family fun. The weekly programs were well balanced and some outstanding speakers addressed the Club.

During the year eight new members were inducted and the Club lost 6, one of which was the death of Dick Sheppard, another by the untimely death of Dave Oaringbold as a result of a motor accident while returning home after one of our meetings. The year ended with a membership of 70.

PP Laurie was a long time resident of Penrith where he began his working life in the Public Service and after obtaining a senior position in the Valuer General's Department left to establish himself as a private valuer in the early 1970's. He joined the Club on 6th August 1970 and after serving as it's President served for two years on District Committees. He left the Penrith area to live at North Rocks to facilitate the education of his children and resigned from the Club on 23rd September, 1977. P.P.Laurie was one of the keen members who demonstrated the advantages which emanated from inducting an intake of enthusiastic younger people to keep the other members on their toes. Outside Rotary he was held in high esteem within his profession for his expertise and perseverance.

Shortly before his fiftieth birthday, in mid 1985. P.P Laurie was diagnosed with lung cancer and passed away in 1986.

30 1974-1975 PRESIDENT RALPH RYLANCE



1974-1975
Ralph Rylance +

Penrith's office-bearers for the year were:- President Ralph Rylance, LP.P. Laurie Alcorn, Vice President Ivor Speirs, Secretary Kerr Chatfield, Asst. Secretary Darel Mullen, Treasurer **Bill** Hales, Directors: Gerry Taylor, Max Lumley, Bob Neale and Norm Gledhill.

The Club was able to effect the reformation of the Rotaract Club through the Rotaract committee. An interesting meeting held at Alf Preskett's home, well supported by members, achieved this.

The victims of Cyclone Tracy at Darwin were assisted by an immediate donation to the Rotary Appeal. Other members gave to other appeals.

The Club was saddened by the death of two well-loved members, our Charter President Oscar Fletcher and Frank Miller.

P.P. Oscar died on the 1st June, 1975, just 15 days before his 91st birthday, he remained a member of the Club he had formed 30 years before to the end. His death marked the end of an era. The Club resolved to allocate \$500 to provide a Rotary memorial in appreciation of his long life of service.

Frank Miller had conducted a men's wear business in Penrith for many years. He was a popular townsman and a great sportsman, a first class cricketer, footballer, tennis player, golfer and lawn bowler. He was one of the few if not the only man to clean-bowl the great Sir Donald Bradman first ball. In all sports he believed in perfecting technique. His demand for perfection lifted the standards of bowling in the Penrith Bowling Club to a high level where he devoted so much time to coaching. The Club erected a suitable memorial plaque in the Bowling Club to his memory.

The International Service Committee under Max Lumley was busy, especially with Exchange Students. Our first "daughter" left for home early in 1975 - Keiko Naruse was a girl who endeared herself to all and caused the members to appreciate how important this exchange programme is. Our second "daughter" arrived from Sheraton, Indiana, she was Giselle Mullin, a tall slender girl with a Southern drawl. Our Jenny Judd returned from her year in USA and told us of her experience.

The Vocational Service Committee under Bob Neale organised a Careers Advisory Night at Nepean High School in which 26 fellows acted as advisers. In co-operation with the staff of Penrith Technical College the Club introduced an Annual Craftsmanship Award. An honour board was presented and a prize of \$50 given to the winner who is to be selected each year as the student making the best progress in his course.

In addition to contributing to the Darwin Appeal and setting up and operating the Underprivileged Children' Fund previously mentioned, Chairman Gerry Taylor and the Community Service Committee organised the distribution of food hampers to needy families at Christmas time. The Red Cross and Heart Foundation "door-knock" appeals were a success to a large extent because of the Club participation.

The Club again sent two awardees to the R.Y.L.A. Seminar. The two young people later addressed the Club and told of their appreciation of the course. As previously stated, a determined effort was made to reform the Rotaract Club. This was done and their Club started again with 25 members under Gay Cameron. The Rotarians of the Club determined that every care would be taken to ensure Rotaract's success.

The membership declined by five net during the year to 65, there being 10 losses and five new members inducted.

An important survey was undertaken by P.P. John Roach with a view to forming another Rotary Club in or near Penrith. This work continued into the following year and while a new Club was not formed immediately, the survey was of considerable value when the formation of the Rotary Club of South Penrith was undertaken.

It can fairly be said that the members under the leadership of President Ralph did succeed in carrying out the year's theme of renewing the "Spirit of Rotary". The key note was involvement and every member became involved in some Club activity.

P.P. Ralph was born in Richmond, England. He qualified as a Doctor in 1939 and joined the R.A.F as an MO where he served until 1966. He was a keen sportsman in the field of rowing and was to row for England but the war intervened.

He came to Australia in 1968 and in 1969, he was appointed medical Superintendent of Nepean District Hospital and held that position until his retirement in 1981. He formed a strong attachment to the Nepean Rowing Club where he did a lot of coaching. A trophy in his name is presented annually at that Club by his widow Elsa. P.P. Ralph joined our Club on 19th March, 1970 and remained a member until just before his death in 1982.

31 1975-1976 PRESIDENT IVOR SPIERS



1975-1976
Ivor Speirs H

This Rotary year began with enthusiasm and a well-planned programme. As will be seen, much was achieved in every field of Rotary endeavour. President Ivor Speirs saw his role as a leader whose job was to ensure that committees functioned and the members were motivated. President Ivor delegated the various duties wisely and was able to act as a coordinator of Committees, largely due to his personality and business experience.

The office-bearers were President Ivor Speirs, I.P.P. Ralph Rylance, Vice President Alf Preskett, Secretary Darel Mullen, Asst. Secretary Tom Hobbs, Treasurer Tom Marston, then Trevor Hitchcock, Directors: Max Lumley, Chris Holden and Rotary Information P.P. Doug Watson.

Membership fell dramatically to 56 due to the resignation of 10 members. This was a blow from which the Club has taken a long time to recover. There appears to have been no unusual circumstances concerning this loss. The loss was not offset by the intake of members during the year, but a number of nominations were processed during the year resulting in inductions in the following year. Attendance did cause the Board considerable worry and there was no apparent cause for this, but lack of effort by a few is reflected in the averages.

Over \$10,000 was expended on community service projects. The Under-privileged Children's Fund was built up by the allocation of \$2000; it functioned well and several difficult cases were assisted as well as many other cases. Better liaison was achieved with the schools in the area and therefore more cases were considered. The paramount aim is to benefit the child, to ensure that children have an opportunity to realize their potential which might otherwise be prevented by reason of parents' inability to meet the need or their indifference to the need of the child.

The Rotary Club in co-operation with the Auburn Club constructed a ramp at the home of the Charter President of the Auburn Club, Ray Coulton, who had been unable to use his wheelchair. P.P. Ray had recently moved into our area, unfortunately he did not live long to use the ramp.

The Community Housekeeping Service came under review and the Club was represented by John Uren, who for many years served on the Governing Board of the new body.

Christmas hampers were distributed to 53 needy families. In this, the Club was assisted by Rotaract and Inner Wheel. A donation was also made to the Senior Citizens Christmas Party. The Club again conducted stalls at the fetes held by the Nepean District Hospital and the Governor Phillip Special Hospital. P.P. Jim Scott being our principal "horse trader".

A special trophy was provided as a "Champion House" prize at the new Cambridge Park High School. The Club sponsored two awardees at the R.Y.L.A. Seminar at Vision Valley. These were two outstanding young leaders, Gay Cameron, our Rotaract Chairman and Caroline Wright, from the young Leos' Club.

The most satisfying project was the organizing of the "Door -Knock Appeal" for the Royal Blind Society. The Club members were asked to assist and upon examination it was obvious that the Society had not been able to adequately organize the area. The Club, at very short notice, took over the responsibility of organization and staff work which demonstrated the high standard demanded by Trevor Hitchcock. The result was most gratifying for the Society, being the largest sum ever collected in any similar appeal covering the same area. Almost every member of the Club participated and demonstrated the fellowship and satisfaction to be had by total involvement by the fellows.

In the field of International Service the Committee under Max Lumley was very active. The Club participated in F.A.L.M. project which provided a Cultural Centre at Webag, New Guinea. The Rotary Foundation was again supported. The Club hosted the G.S.E. team from North Carolina. The team was shown a number of local places and industries and was able to view the King's Cup Regatta.

Early in the year the Club's second exchange student "daughter" Giselle Mullin returned to her home in North Carolina and in her place Agus Utomo came to us in February, 1976 from Java. The Club sponsored Roslyn Whitehead as an exchange student to leave in 1977. The Annual International Night showed the value of the student exchange scheme. The speakers were June Jamison and Beryl Sutton from South Africa who were brilliant ambassadors for their country,

The Vocational Service Committee led by Chris Holden continued several projects which had been started in earlier years and introduced several new ideas. The Rotary Craftmanship award was again presented to a student at Penrith Technical College.

An excellent night was held at Penrith High School which was attended by 100 students from all the secondary schools of Penrith. The speaker was Miss Bev Smith of "Drake International" who spoke on "your future". The programme aimed at informing students how to present themselves at job interviews, motivation, expectancies and how to seek a job. Bookmarks consisting of the "Four-Way Test" were printed, 2,000 of these were distributed at high schools and a further 5,000 sold to Smithfield, Parramatta, Padstow and Cabramatta Rotary Clubs for distribution.

A directory listing members of the Club prepared to visit schools during lunch periods and address students on vocations was distributed at the four high schools in Penrith.

The Rotary Information Committee aimed at making the subject more palatable to members. It was decided that Rotary Information comprised all matter which was, or should be, of interest to Rotarians not merely the procedures and rules laid down in the Constitution and By-laws. Articles appeared weekly in a manner aimed at creating interest. Historical notes were also featured. The Committee interviewed potential members and their wives and drew up programs for a series of "post-induction" meetings similar in purpose to the old "Fireside Meetings". Difficulties were met with and only one meeting was held, but the foundations were laid for the future.

P.P. Ivor is a country lad who grew up at Boorowa and attended Yanco Agricultural College after which he worked as a Jackeroo. He came to Sydney in 1962 to be near Margaret, who was then an undergraduate and later became his Wife. He was employed by I.A.C and studied accountancy and finance. During his 12 years employment he rose to Branch Manager in Penrith and Parramatta. He joined Central Motors and became a member of the Club in 1971. He has returned to his rural leanings, having a large grazing property near Byrock. PP Ivor is still an Honorary Member of the Club.

32 1976-1977 PRESIDENT ALF PRESKETT



1976-1977
Alf Preskett H+

This was a year of considerable activity and achievement. The dedication, energy and humour of the President inspired the members to respond and become fully involved in the Club's activities.

The Office-Bearers were: President Alf Preskett, I.P.P. Ivor Speirs, Vice President Ivo Slezacek, Secretary Darel Mullen, Treasurer Tom Marston, Directors Peter Green, Gerry Taylor, Charles Glanville and Chris Holden, Assistant Secretary Tom Hobbs.

Club Service Director, Vice-President Ivo ensured that the administration of the Club ran smoothly and efficiently, so much so, that the fellows were unaware of any problems in that area. It was deeply regretted by the members that popular V.P. Ivo felt that added business commitments prevented him from standing for election as President for 1977-1978.

Attendance figures improved and the Club membership increased by net gain of five to 61, nine new members were inducted and four old members left the Club. Much more publicity was given by the press to the Club's activities due to fellows Dr. John Parer and P.P. Ralph Rylance. Better public relations were needed and achieved.

The Rotary Information Committee under Gerry Taylor aimed at a "new look" in this field; to provide when required a "frame of reference" on Rotary matters, to keep members aware of current Rotary thinking by publishing material in the Bulletin, to continue the interviews with prospective members and to provide for "Rotary Growth" in new members by encouraging them to attend the District Institute for new appointees. A Club information Booklet was prepared and "fireside meetings" held at which Rotary history, philosophy and areas of service were discussed, aided by selected experienced Rotarians.

The Rotary Revue starring "Jemima Scott", "Spunky Speirs", "Heave-ho Slezacek" and the "Abba Dabba Girls" - Lord and Lumley, had the fellows and their ladies in an uproar. Two theatre parties and a visit to the Opera House also provided great fellowship. The Rotaract Club was under the experienced eye of Norm Gledhill and guidance without interference was given.



A major event of the year was the sponsoring and formation of the Rotary Club of South Penrith (currently known as Penrith Valley). The need for another Club close to Penrith had been known for several years but the problem was "where". This was overcome by the R.I. enactment allowing more than one Club to share the same territorial area.

D.G. Ron Jennaway appointed P.P. Arthur Bennett as his special representative and he carried out the survey and work leading to the formation of the provisional club. When P.P. Arthur was elected Charter President, P.P. Doug Watson became Special Representative to tidy up the final administrative affairs. The new Club received its Charter on 20th May, 1977 with 28 members. At the request of the District Governor, Special Representative Doug attended Board Meetings of the new Club during its first year. President Alf had wisely appointed a special committee of experienced Rotarians to attend all meetings of the provisional club in an advisory capacity and as a result of our Club's fatherly care and the enthusiasm of its members, the Rotary Club of South Penrith flourished.

Community Service was rendered in many fields. The Club assisted in the organization of three "door-knock" appeals for the Red Cross Society, Royal Blind Society and the Red Shield, provided funds to send Allan Tube overseas for specialized medical treatment in Philadelphia; provided assistance including transport for families of the victims of the Granville Train Disaster. through the on-going Underprivileged Children's Fund project, \$1250 to assist such children. assisted in the establishment of the "Q Theatre", bringing a permanent live theatre to Penrith; contributed to the District Project for the building of the Paraplegic Games Centre, provided entertainment at the Pensioner's Association Anniversary Dinner and assisted the Nepean District and Governor Phillip Special Hospitals.

The Vocational Service Committee under the Chairman, Charles Glanville, attacked this traditionally difficult subject with a refreshing approach from these viewpoints - (a) Philosophical; aiming to review the individual Rotarian's awareness of the value and importance of vocational service; (b) Practical: aiming to exploit each Rotarian's peculiar vocational talents. This aim was implemented by using the skills of many members to plan and build a house to be sold and the profit used for Rotary projects. This was commenced but not finished during the year.

A "Citizen of the Year" Award was established to recognize the service of a local citizen to the Penrith community. The Craftmanship Award was given to a student of Penrith Technical College to recognize achievement. Awards were again made to students of Penrith and Nepean High Schools.

Thirty-five Rotarians participated in a "Careers Day" at Kingswood High School, when 2,000 students attended. Rotarians participated in Work Study Tours of their places of business by students and in a work experience programme for students also at their place of business, to provide a practical picture of what was entailed in different jobs. The programme was considered to be of such value that Chairman Charles was called on to address Rotarians of the District on Vocational Service.

Chairman Chris Holden and his International Service Committee had a busy year. Our first male exchange student Agus Utomo returned home to Java and Tomoko Suzuki arrived from Japan. A fine Penrith girl, Ros Whitehead departed for Canada. Arrangements were made for Paul Ellems to go to Germany and Fiona Smith to South Africa the next year. The Club participated in hosting the G.S.E. team from Florida, USA. A set of slides and taped messages by the members were sent to our matched Club at Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

PP. Alf came from Wimbledon in the UK., but never became a tennis player, from there he moved to Newbourne, near Plymouth and sailed for New Zealand in 1950 where he lived for four years. P.P Alf's business activities were diversified, he carried milk from producers to the milk factory in so doing he also developed a furniture removal run which expanded so that it became a more profitable enterprise than the milk pick up. For nearly 20 years, he ran two service stations at the western end of High Street, one of which was owned by P.P. Jim Scott. In conjunction with the service station business, he developed an ice business and car and truck hire service, which his son, Barry (P.P. South Penrith Rotary) still runs today. Pres. Alf joined our Club in September 1968 and was a very active member until 1989.

33 1977-1978 PRESIDENT PETER GREEN PRESIDENT TREVOR HITCHCOCK



1977-1978
Peter Green *

The year 1977-1978 opened with the induction of Peter Green as President. Peter is the son of P.P. Reg Green who was President of the Club in 1963-1964.

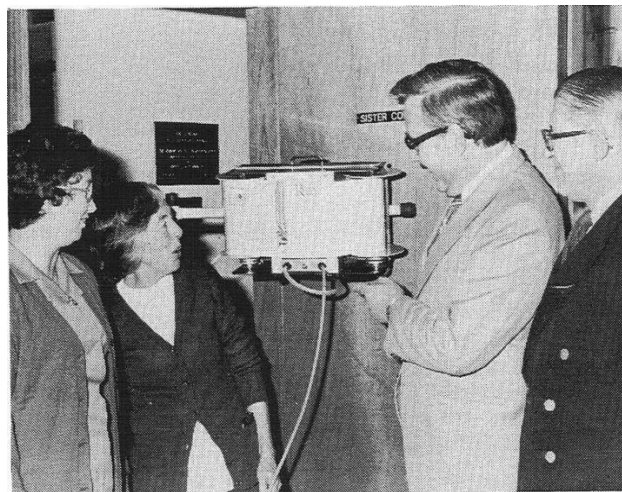
The office bearers assisting President Peter were I.P.P. Ivor Speirs, Vice President & Club Service Director Trevor Hitchcock, Secretary George Fraser, Asst. Secretary Bruce Frazer followed by Tom Hobbs, Treasurer Tom Marston & Directors Charles Glanville, Peter Hendrikx, Kerr Chatfield, P.P.Laurie Alcorn until September when he left the Club and was succeeded by Len Satara.

Unfortunately President Peter left Penrith to take up an appointment in his profession in Port Moresby, Papua-New Guinea in December, 1977. The Vice-President, Trevor Hitchcock was persuaded to take over as President for the second half year. The general policy and projects for the year had been adopted under President Peter and were carried through by President Trevor. I.P.P. Ivor Speirs stood in as Vice-President for the second half of the year.

During the year Penrith acted as host Club and arranged the District Conference at Blackheath which was acclaimed as one of the "best ever". The organization was placed in the hands of a special committee under Geoff Wood as chairman. The Club owes a great deal to Geoff and his committee as the success of the Conference and its administrative perfection turned the eyes of the district on Penrith Club as one willing and able to carry out its Rotary duties efficiently as befitted a Club of its seniority. The effect will be to breakdown the parochial barrier in minds of District Governors and clubs east of Parramatta, and cause a realization that there are fine clubs and able Rotarians in the western area.

The success of the Conference also gave the fellows confidence and a degree of pride which was reflected in other projects. The Club set an example to others in that the proceeds from the Art Show at the Conference (\$1300) was handed over to a District project, Youth Exchange.

In the field of Community Service the Club sponsored a visit by the Heart Mobile Unit under the auspices of the Heart Foundation and staffed it in Penrith for three days. During the devastating bush fires, with the aid of the Penrith RSL Club chef and kitchen staff, the Club provided emergency meals for the fire fighters at very short notice. The Foundation for the Disabled at Cherrywood Village received assistance in the sum of \$1,517 as did the Paraplegic Stadium Appeal in a similar amount. A colour TV set and a special reading machine were given to the Governor Phillip Special Hospital. The Nepean Hospital was assisted and a kayak canoe presented to the Nepean District Boy Scouts.



The ongoing assistance to under-privileged children was continued and those cases which came to notice were helped. This assistance was not merely financial but covered counselling, locating a mother who had deserted two children five years before and investigating records as to the death of a father.

Awards were given to students of Penrith and Nepean High Schools. Christmas hampers were again distributed to needy families. The Club again nominated two young leaders to attend the R.Y.L.A. Seminar. The close ties with Rotaract were evident, the Rotaractors assisting with the children at the Conference and by allowing our fellows to participate in their crazy "Hardly Ferocious" Day.

The Club was very involved in International Service. The fellows under Bob Neale participated in a visit by the G.S.E. team from South Africa. Bert Taylor corresponded with matched clubs at Port Elizabeth, South Africa and San Mateo, USA. F.A.I.M. was brought to notice with a talk by the organizer of a project at Koraba, Papua.

Further contributions were made to the Rotary Foundation to update contributions payable in respect of our sustaining Paul Harris Fellowships. A contribution of \$1929 was paid towards the District Youth Exchange project. The Club enjoyed having our "daughter" Miki Morota as its exchange student, Miki soon took our hearts.



In the fund-raising area the Club embarked on an imaginative project of buying land, building a house thereon with a view to sale. This project was not quite completed during the year but was disposed of in the 1978-1979 year. The talents, skills and labours of many members were called on to effect its success and many fellows were involved.

Vocational Service covered involvement in a Careers Forum, an experience programme for secretarial trainees, the presentation, as in previous years, of an award for craftsmanship to a student at Penrith Technical College and a factory visit to Glass Containers Limited.

Fellowship was good and was shared with our ladies from time to time. The unfortunate disruptions caused by resignations of office-bearers did not upset the progress of the Club, rather it caused the fellows to make a cohesive effort to support Trevor who applied his usual dedication and ability to round off a very active and effective Rotary year.

There was a net loss of 4 members during the year and we finished with 57.

P.P. Peter Green is the son of P.P. Reg Green. He trained in Sydney and became a Chartered Accountant after which he returned to his father's practice, in Penrith. he joined the Club in May 1974. The Green's practice amalgamated with Price Waterhouse and Peter was appointed to run the firm's practice in Port Moresby, New Guinea when he was halfway through his year as Club President. He became a member of Rotary in Port Moresby and after some years resigned from the firm and moved to Nerang on the Queensland Gold Coast where he practices in his own name. He stayed in Rotary rising to District Governor.

34 1978-1979 PRESIDENT TREVOR HITCHCOCK



1978-1979
Trevor Hitchcock H*

Pres. Trevor Hitchcock had completed the second half of the preceding year as President but had been to a great extent, tied to the policies and outlook of his predecessor. As this year commenced he was in a position to improve methods where necessary due to the former experience and to put into effect the plans he had made when chosen as President-elect for 1978-1979.

The Board of Directors comprised of President Trevor Hitchcock Vice President Harvey Joyner, Secretary Bert Taylor, Assistant Secretary Doug Judd, Treasurer Frank Cronin, Directors **Bill** Wootten, Eddy Merck, Geoff Wood, Rotary Information Kerr Chatfield.

There were several new innovations introduced at weekly meetings. The Sergeant-at-Arms has been relieved of his duty of conducting the "Fine session", which is now done by a "prosecutor" appointed for the night. The President is relieved of the problems of actually conducting the meetings as the Sergeant-at-Arms does this job. This has been very effective in the hands of P.P. Brian Lamrock and Tom Marston.

The membership development committee, Barry Long and Len Satara, worked extremely hard to the end that no fewer than 45 nominations were dealt with, although many of these did not result in membership. Eight new members were inducted. The year began with a club membership of 57. there were six resignations and at the end of the year membership stood at 59, a net gain of two.

At the beginning of the year the Board realised the need for setting objectives in each of the four avenues of service. It decided that there had been a tendency in past years to decide on projects as the year progressed. Therefore projects were decided on and priorities set, which resulted in a more orderly, planned year's work.

The ongoing "Underprivileged Children's Fund" has met the needs for a number of young people, assistance being given in providing clothing, books, equipment and the like rather than cash grants, thus ensuring that every dollar spent directly benefited the child concerned. This has proved to be a very worthwhile project, which although largely unknown to the outside world is quietly ensuring that these children are given every chance to realize their potential.

The Club nominate 3 young leaders to attend the R.Y.L.A. Seminar. The selection of these nominees was conducted in conjunction with the Rotary Cub of South Penrith, the committee found that there were 3 outstanding candidates and the club unhesitatingly sent all 3 to the seminar.

The club provided Christmas Hampers for needy families as in previous years. It also gave assistance to the Civil Rehabilitation Committee. The Nepean District Hospital was enabled to acquire a humidicrib for the Maternity Department. The Club also furnished a room at the newly established Women's Refuge conducted by the Penrith Community Aid Centre.

The International Service Committee under Director Eddy Mirck had a busy and effective year. Our exchange student, Miki Morota, returned to her home in Japan taking with her our love for yet another "daughter". In her place the club welcomed a new "daughter," Salome Basson from South Africa who gave the club a greater understanding of her country. Our outgoing student, Judy Barrett, a grand daughter of Rotarian Ron Barrett, went to Japan.



Judy Barrett

The Club also undertook 12 I.P.A.C. projects. These were:- the provision of special footwear for lepers in New Guinea, text books for schools in the Solomon Islands, assistance to the Blind Society in Fiji, scholarships for students in Tonga and Malaysia, assistance for upgrading the farm conducted by the TUPOUE College Tonga (the largest independent secondary school), the sponsoring of a child at the Dilkusha Home Fiji and the sponsoring of a high school student in Malaysia which resulted in two others being sponsored by Malaysian Rotary Club, the sponsoring of two orphans in Indonesia for a year and finally, aiding the scheme to send two Australian nurses to Indonesia to train Indonesian nurses in modern orthopedic practices.

The Committee also arranged an International Fashion Show to the delight of the ladies and an International Night when the members and their wives were addressed by the Consul for Indonesia and entertained by musicians and singers from that country.

P.P. Trevor was a native of Essex and Kent in the U.K. He served in the Royal Navy as an expert in electrical weapons, working up to commissioned rank. He then went to work for his present company as a technical director first in England, then in South Africa and finally at Emu Plains where he is in charge. In his Navy years, Trevor played cricket and represented the R.N. at Teunes. He now resides in the Kurrajong real surrounded by fruit trees he grows for ultimate retirement..

Just before retirement he purchased a caravan complete with toilet, shower and dog kennel in which he made a few local trips in preparation for the big one. However before setting out around Australia we headed off on a round the world trip which lasted for several months leaving the orchard in the capable hands of our youngest son. On return from far afield places we set off in late 1997 on a number of explorations around this wide brown land in which we live, meeting many most interesting people and seeing many amazing places until 2000 when he decided it was time to spend more time at home. He become involved with a small committee that was successful in getting the first Bendigo Community Bank branch in North Richmond. He continued to volunteer his services as a Director and CFO and became Chairman in 2009. In November 2013 Mike Baird the then NSW Treasurer opened a second branch in Richmond. The Bendigo Community Bank has been able to return between \$100,000 to \$250,000 per year to worthwhile projects in the Hawkesbury totalling several \$million since first opening its doors.

35 1979-1980 PRESIDENT HARVEY JOYNER



1979-1980
Harvey Joyner H*

Pres. Harvey from the outset sought to ensure that all the members enjoyed their Rotary experience, as a result there was great emphasis on fellowship. This was to be expected under the leadership of Pres. Harvey whose genial personality was reflected in all activities and at every meeting.

The office bearers for 1979-1980 were:- President Harvey Joyner, I.P.P. Trevor Hitchcock Vice President & Club Service Eddie Mirek, Secretary Ray Lynch, Treasurer **Bill** Plant, Directors: Community Service Chris Holden, International Service Clare Turrill, Vocational Service Doug Judd, Rotary Information Geoff Wood.

Membership stood at 58 when the year began and ended with a net gain of 2 bringing the total to 60. The Club history up to 1979 was completed and the manuscript prepared for printing.

The Community Service committee consisted of Bruce Buckmaster (Rotoract) George Fraser (Underprivileged Children) P.P. Doug Watson (R.Y.L.A. District Committee) Peter Hendriks (R.Y.L.A. Chairman) Roger Cowan, Tony O'Meara, **Bill** Cowley & Perce Hargreaves under the leadership of Chris Holden. The first project did not show very tangible results but a great deal of work was done by the committee, and particularly by Roger Cowan and **Bill** Cowley. This was an in depth survey was attempted in the field of drug addiction and areas wherein assistance could be given. After several months it became apparent that none of the agencies or authorities were in agreement as to what was needed. Finally the Club assisted the Drug Referral Centre with items of furniture and equipment. Never the less, a good deal of information was gleaned.

In conjunction with the ladies of Inner Wheel and with the assistance from the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal, Christmas provided for the Pre-school play group of Thorndale School for Intellectually Handicapped children. Much of this was made by the men at Emu Plains Training Centre.

One of the most rewarding projects was the harbour cruise organised for 40 children and 8 staff from the Nepean School for Crippled Children. This not only delighted the children but afforded them considerable assistance educationally. Very late in the year it was found that there was an urgent need for transport of old, young and deprived people within the area. It was decided to purchase a mini-bus for the Salvation Army for the purpose. The Board for 1980-1981 agreed to make this an ongoing project, so fundraising was commenced.

The Underprivileged Children's Fund received great co-operation from local school principals through the efforts of fellow Darel Mullen and Jean Taylor, the wife of fellow Bert. Thirty children were assisted in various ways. A bus was made available through fellow Barry Cook and Bosnjak's Bus Service to take a number of children for a holiday at Vision Valley. The Club sponsored two outstanding young adults to attend the R.Y.L.A. Seminar, Donna Mullen and Bob Partridge. These two people gained greatly from the course and by the association with seventy of their peers. The experience gained will no doubt be reflected in later years as community leaders.

In the field of International Service, much was achieved. We sadly bade farewell to Salome Basson in January, 1980 when she returned to South Africa. Our Judith Barrett returned from Japan followed by glowing reports of ambassadorial feats. Debbie Lea went to Mexico where from her letters, she had a wonderful time. The Student Exchange Programme has proved to be a very fine project, not only do students gain international understanding, but Club members become so involved and interested. The Club was involved in no fewer than eight I.P.A.C. projects in the near-northern countries and Pacific Islands. The thrust of these projects was to assist young people, which Penrith Rotary Club has always tended to support.

The following assistance was given:- (a) Provision of funds for school text books in Central Celebes; (b) Financial sponsorship to enable two orphan children to attend school for one year in Indonesia; (c) Provision of two scholarships in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Malacca to enable needy students to obtain their Higher School Certificate; (d) A gift of \$100 to the Fiji Blind Society for residential in-training of the Blind; (e) Contribution towards scholarships for deserving students as recommended by the Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur; (f) Financial assistance for the Salvation Army Boys Vocational Centre at Boroko, Papua New Guinea where boys are trained to the point where they can be apprenticed in private industry; (g) Provision of scholarships for three Secondary School students in Tonga as recommended and administered by the Rotary Club of Nuku'alofa; (h) Sponsored two deserving students by providing school fees for a year at Pudu, Malaysia as recommended by the Rotary Club of Pudu. This area is economically depressed so the benefits to its children are very great.

The club also hosted the G.S.E. team from Denmark and the fellows had an opportunity to meet these five young men. The committee members were, Clare Turrill (chairman), Max Lumley, Robin McKay, John Uren, P.P. Ralph Rylance, Norm Gledhill and John Clarke.

A Careers Advice Forum was organised with Cambridge Park High School wherein all the classifications of members were put to good use. The usual award was made to the best student of the year at Penrith Technical College. In addition to the projects undertaken by the Community Service Committee, the Club gave financial assistance to Nepean District Hospital, Legacy, Vision Valley, Nepean High School, Kingswood High School and Cambridge Park High School.

The year ended on a note of disappointment when V.P. Eddie Mirek announced a short time before the changeover, that due to a change in his employment and the projected move from the district, he could not become President for 1980-81. Eddie had filled many jobs in the club and his keenness, geniality and ability was recognized by all. He had done a great deal of planning for the year and the Club was looking forward to his leadership. Great credit must be given to Peter Mead who stepped in under short notice and demanding circumstances.

P.P. Harvey came to Penrith from Walsall, UK. in April 1954. He had been trained as a mechanical draftsman. His wife Connie came out and they married in 1955. The couple travelled to Queensland where Harvey worked as a cane cutter, they travelled to Victoria and South Australia, returning to England in 1959. In 1960 after returning to Penrith, Harvey set up as a roof painting contractor and later followed his fathers occupation in Earth Moving Plant supply. His love of gardening and open space was his reason to move out of town to Castlereagh in 1985.

P.P. Harvey retired from Penrith Rotary in 1998 after being a member for thirty years, and he and his wife Connie and I moved to Kurrajong where we enjoy the village atmosphere. He still spends some time at his family Earthmoving Equipment business which is now controlled by son Bill. During the last twenty years they have enjoyed many overseas trips, and now over eighty years old they keep active with family which includes five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

36 1980-1981 PRESIDENT PETER MEAD



1980-1981
Peter Mead H

Shortly before the end of the 1979-80 Rotary year, President Elect Eddie left the district. He had done a great amount of work towards the planning for the ensuing year. Peter Mead was not afforded the usual preparatory year as Vice President before occupying the chair. There is little doubt that these problems caused greater cohesion and support from the members. All committees worked well and effectively, and as a result 1980-81 was an effective, happy Rotary year which was President Peter's object at it's commencement.

The Directors and Principal Officers were:- President Peter Mead; I.P.P. Harvey Joyner; Vice President & Club Service Robert Neale; Secretary Ray Lynch; Asst. Secretary & Youth Service B r i a n Parkinson; Treasurer Bill Plant; Community Service Barry Cook; International Service P.P. Alf Preskett; Vocational Service Charles Glanville; Rotary Information Tom Hobbs.

In his final report, Pres. Peter said that "the year must be remembered as a year of no failures, as every project undertaken (social events and fund raising) was a complete success". This was an understatement as this was far better than an average year, in fact the year was both a happy and effective one.

Towards the end of the Rotary Year, after much frustration and delay due to problems of working in with Penrith City Council's plans, work commenced on the building of a coin operated barbecue and shelter shed at Regatta Park, Emu Plains. This project demonstrated the value of participation and fellowship. In accordance with its past history, the Club on ascertaining the problems a paraplegic youth was encountering in getting in and out of his house, with help of some of its building expert members, constructed an access ramp at short notice.



Programme Chairman Geoff Wood maintained an interesting programme throughout the year. His personal effort in research and stage managing "This is your Life" (Subject - P.P. Brian Lamrock) was excellent and a well deserved tribute to a fine townsman and Rotarian whom the Club honoured by nomination as a Paul Harris Fellow.



Coin operated BBQ and helter in Regatta Park Emu Plains

The Under Privileged Children's Fund was used again this year to assist a number of school children who would otherwise have been disadvantaged.

The avenue of International service gave the members the opportunity of hosting an exchange student Horatio (Chumpy) Hernandez from Mexico. Chumpy as he was known was a delightful young man, whose friendly attitude and keen perception made him a general favourite. Our own Debbie Lee returned from a year in Mexico and her address to the Club provided more evidence of the success of the Exchange Student programme. Rotarian Dick Corin's daughter Michelle departed for a year in Denmark. Rotary's thanks are due to the host parents without whom the programme would be impossible. Penrith's host parents were Harvey & Connie Joyner, Dick & Isobel Corin, Brian & Carole Parkinson, Ivor & Margaret Spiers, Tom & Margaret Hobbs and Pres. Peter & Judith Mead. The Club took an active part in the running of a very successful District Exchange Student Seminar at Hawkesbury Agricultural College where 230 Host Parents, Students and Rotarians attended.

The Rotary Foundation received the Club's further support, its contributions reaching the 1500% plateau. While this entitles the Club to Educational Awards, so far the Club has been slow to seek suitable nominees. The Club hosted the G.S.E. team from Canada for a week in conjunction with our daughter Club, South Penrith. The Club funded an ongoing commitment to F.A.I.M. by sponsoring the care of two children in Indonesia.

A bus was provided and presented to the Salvation Army as decided the previous year and it may be seen daily performing it's purpose.



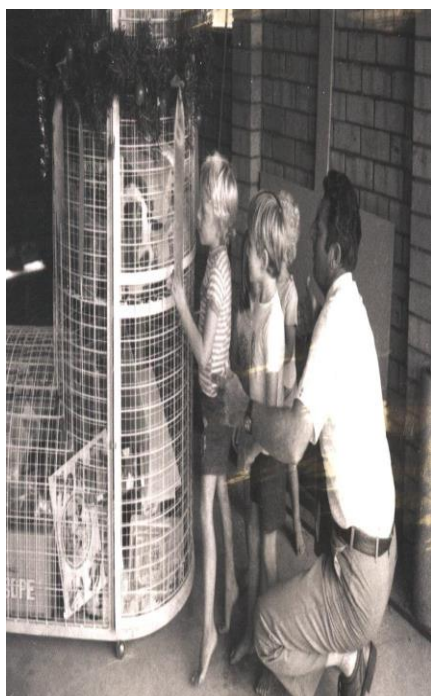
In implementing the Vocational Service programme the committee adopted the philosophy that if the vocational talents of individual Rotarians were used to the fullest extent in carrying out projects in the other avenues of service it would constitute fulfilment of Rotary's basic objectives. Our effort was made to select projects which would employ the talents of members. The "Craftsmanship Award" was again presented to the awardee selected by the Penrith Technical College. This has been an ongoing prize, much sought after and honoured by the recipient. Prizes were awarded at two local High Schools but as the schools pool money into a general prize fund, Rotary is prevented from giving a prize for a specific subject it may consider desirable.

A work-experience programme, which the Club implemented in 1976 in conjunction with Kingswood High School was again held with excellent results. It is interesting to note that the concept has since 1976, been firmly established throughout the State School system.

A Businessmen's Night was organised when business people were addressed by the principal management consultant of the Price Waterhouse Group. This fulfilled the "Trade and Professional Relations" aspect of Vocational Service stressed by Rotary International.

The Club membership remained static, it commencing and ending 'with 61 members. In fact, we lost four and gained four.

The year was a good year, one of good fellowship and involvement. The Committee system functioned well. Great credit is due to Pres. Peter who stepped into the breach' at short notice and without the usual time to prepare.



Many of the projects could not have been achieved without the \$3345 raised by the Christmas Stocking Appeal. Mrs **Ruby Peel** a member of Penrith Inner Wheel Club and the widow of a former Rotarian attended daily selling tickets for six weeks (which she had done previously) and was therefore largely responsible for this fund raising. The Club owes her its warmest thanks.

P.P. Peter is a native of Wauchope, but from 5 to 18 lived at Blacktown and attended Hawkesbury Agricultural College studying General Agriculture. He learned plastering by working in his father's business and followed in his footsteps as a Rugby League player (his father having played for Australia). P.P. Peter conducted a milk run at St Marys for 11 years during which he was a member of St. Marys club after which he was the lessee of the "Petersham Inn" for 3 years. He followed this by opening "Penrith Plant World" and building some squash courts and in 1980 ran news agencies at Kingswood, Emu Plains and Mt. Pleasant for 5 years during which he became a member of our club, his next business venture was his present one, a plant hire business. P.P. Peter is a keen follower of all sports and plays golf in his spare time.

In Trevor Hall's year, P.P. Peter, organised the complete landscaping Project at Glenmore Park Deaf and Blind Centre which attracted considerable attention to our Club. Peter also organised and planted 50 trees along Jamison Road (Avenue of Trees) as part of our club's 50 year celebration. One tree for each president.

P.P Peter was again at it in 2004-2005 when the Cottage project was almost complete. Organizing and planting out the landscaping with the help of his fellow Rotarians.

In 2008 P.P. Peter left the club when he moved to Salamander Bay having left his plant hire business to his son, and purchasing a Storage Hire business. He joined the Salamander Bay Rotary Club. While there P.P Peter organised the Fundraising for the Victorian Bush Fire appeal, raising \$37,000 in 3 weeks. He and two other members also constructed a school canteen and became President in 2010.

In 2014 P.P Peter returned and rejoined our club as an active member.

37 1981-1982 PRESIDENT ROBERT NEALE



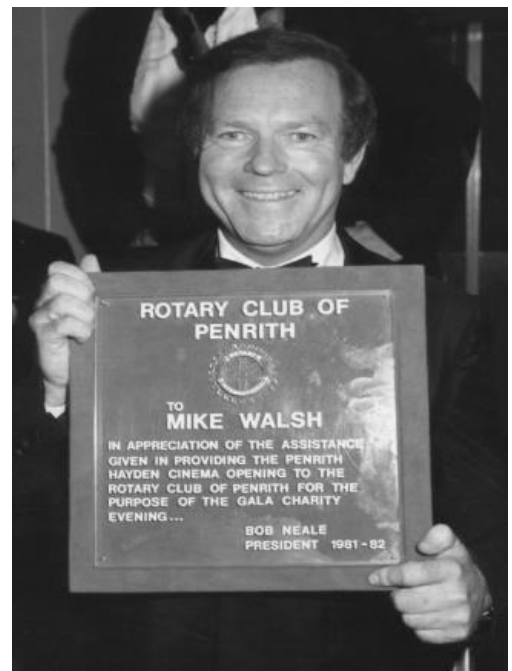
1981-1982
Robert Neale H*

For the second time during the Club's history the President this year was the son of a Past President of the Club. Pres. Bob is the son of Past President Bruce Neale, the only charter member still with us at that time.

The Office-bearers were:- President Robert Neale; I.P.P. Peter Mead; Vice President & Club Service Tom Hobbs; Secretary Ray Lynch; Treasurer Bert Taylor; Ass. Secretary & Youth Service Trevor Hitchcock; Community Service Director Bill Cowley; International Service Director Lindsay Jackson; Vocational Service Director Barry Cook; Rotary Information Mark Trench.

The first was a Celebrity Dinner held at the Leagues Club at which Sir James Hardy, one of Australia's star helmsmen and a director of a famous wine making firm was the guest speaker. The evening provided the funds for the purchase of an "operating microscope" for the Nepean District Hospital. The Chairman of the organizing committee Dick Corin and his fellows deserve high praise.

The second event was the Gala Charity Opening Night of the Mike Walsh Twin Cinemas, which, due to the organizing skill of P.P. Trevor Hitchcock and his dedicated committee provided "a night that the people of Penrith will remember". Not only was it a noteworthy social occasion but the functional result of over \$9,500 enabled the purchase of life saving equipment for the Nepean Rescue Squad as well as donations to assist the recently formed branch of the Royal Naval Reserve Cadets and to the Boy Scouts of the District.



While these events might be regarded as fund raising ventures, the projects were of vital importance to the Community-the microscope has been in daily use - the equipment given to the Rescue Squad fortunately not used so often has saved lives. Apart from these Community Service projects the Club again distributed Christmas Hampers to needy families. This was a joint effort with our Inner Wheel Ladies and the Salvation Army.

In the area of International Service, the Student Exchange Programme was enthusiastically supported. Early in the year our own Michelle Corin returned from her year in Denmark. From "information received" she was well received there and was a fine ambassador - from her talk to the Club it was a wonderful experience for her. In January 1982 we farewelled Tony Speirs, son of P.P. Ivor and Margaret, who left to spend a year in South Africa. In March we welcomed our new "son" Takora Suzuki from Japan. He proved by warm friendliness and perfect manners the value of getting to know these young people from distant lands and of the whole exchange programme. Penrith Club has enjoyed hosting so many fine students.

We were fortunate in hosting, with adjacent clubs, the G.S.E. team from Tennessee. At a Ladies night dinner, these charming fellows infected us so that we all spoke with a southern drawl the following week. Not long after this we were addressed by our own team which had recently returned from Canada. Two I.P.A.C. projects were undertaken. First we sponsored the education of two Indonesian orphan children, secondly the education of two Malaysian children whose parents could not afford it. These projects have been ongoing for several years and it is very satisfying to receive photographs and letters of appreciation from them.

The Youth Service Committee opened its programme with a debate between Kingswood and Cambridge Park High Schools-the subject was controversial- "Schools are no more than factories" and debaters came up with some interesting arguments. The Club again sponsored two awardees to the R. Y.L.A. seminar - Karen Sheppard and David Plant. Both these young people addressed the Club after presentation of their certificates and they strengthened our belief that R. Y.L.A. was one of Rotary's finest youth services.

The Underprivileged Children's Fund continued to operate. Every case was fully investigated and the aims of the Fund followed so that children in proper cases would not be disadvantaged. After certain general requests were made it had to be made clear that assistance is given to individual children not organisations. The important aspect of this Fund is that immediate assistance can be given in an emergency.

Fellowship throughout the year was excellent and in addition to the social events already mentioned we enjoyed a fine Christmas Party, several ladies' nights and a special children's night where the speaker Mr. Bryden-Brown talked on Dubbo and Taronga Park Zoos. The activities of the year received good coverage in the press and on radio. A different approach to the fine session was tried with success by Sgt. at Arms Charles Glanville. It consisted of calling on different members each night-not surprisingly it was found that there was considerable talent available.

The Classification and Membership Committees both worked hard to ensure that all possible information was available. The programme for the year was organised by P.P. Harvey Joyner and Doug Judd most professionally. It was well planned, very interesting, varied and covered all avenues of service. One fund raising project which was very successful thanks again to Ruby Peel was the Christmas Stocking. Our thanks must also go to those business houses which donated its contents.

The Club again supported the Rotary Foundation. P.P. Doug Watson was honoured by being made a Paul Harris Fellow. The announcement and presentation made at the changeover certainly shook his composure. Membership declined from 61 at the commencement of the year to 59. In fact the club lost 6 members and gained 4.

P.P. Bob was born at Penrith and attended Penrith High School after which he became a cadet at David Jones, Sydney. He won a training scholarship to New York. On his return he was manager boys' fashions at D.J's until in 1966 his father, Bruce's health waned and Bob came back to Penrith to run the family business until September 1994, when he sold out. He is presently the Chairman of "Furniture One". P.P. Bob was an active member of Penrith Chamber of Commerce and a supporter of Legacy. His Rotary service commenced in 1970 and continued until 1991.

In 1986 Robert changed the direction of an old family retail department store in High St. Penrith, George St. Windsor and Queen St. St. Mary's to a large modern, one stop, 7 days a week specialty modern furniture establishment on The Northern Road, South Penrith. Called Neale's Furniture One, Robert & his best supporter, his wife, built up the business over the next 8 years and then unexpectedly received and accepted an offer from John Cootes to purchase the property. Robert remained Chairman of The Furniture One Group. Robert retired as chairman of the group in 2011 after holding that role for 16 years and also acting as a director for 42 years. Robert & Patty enjoy travelling, supporting various charity & church activities, lots of walking, bad golf that doesn't seem to improve and several months each year at their second home, Noosa Heads, Queensland.

38 1982-1983 PRESIDENT TOM HOBBS



1982-1983
Tom Hobbs *

This year's Pres. Tom Hobbs, described the year as "somewhat low key" compared with the previous year which he described as "heavy". The programme may not have been as spectacular as that of the preceding year but it covered all aspects of Rotary service very effectively.

The Office Bearers were.- President Tom Hobbs; I.P.P. Robert Neale; Vice President & Club President Ray Lynch; Secretary John Gallimore; Treasurer Bill Wootten; Asst. Secretary & Youth Service P.P. Ivor Speirs; Community Service Barry Long; International Service Charles Glanville; Vocational Service Lindsay Jackson; Rotary Information Tom Marston.

In the field of Club Service, Vice Pres. Ray Lynch placed great importance on improving attendance always a problem in a Club with a large proportion of aging members. During the year the Club lost six members including P.P. John Knox one who served this Club, also Gosford and North Sydney Clubs well - this club from September 1947 to October 1956 (President 1951-1952) and from May 1965 to February 1983. John was Bulletin Editor for many years and his bulletins were often used as examples to other clubs in the District of "how it should be done". The Club had honoured P.P. John Knox by nominating him as Paul Harris Fellow. While the Club lost six fellows it gained four new members who will undoubtedly serve Rotary well.

The Fellowship Committee under Barry Cook organised some outstanding Fellowship nights- two at Peter and Ria Hendrikk home. The second of these entertained the G.S.E. team from Scotland's District 101, who considered us "chickens" as they were the only ones to swim in the pool. These visitors entertained us with South Penrith Club at the Leagues Club. The Christmas Party was at Acacia Lodge and enjoyed by all. The Fellowship Committee ensured that club guests and visitors were warmly welcomed.

The Community Service Committee consisted of Perc Hargreaves, Peter Hendrickx and Peter Parker who worked under the leadership of Barry Long. As is so often the case a great deal of time, investigation and work went into a proposal to stage a trade fair in Penrith. The lack of a suitable venue raised many problems. After investigation and the proposed opening of Penrith Home and Leisure Centre at Emu Plains the matter was left in abeyance to be followed up by the next board of Directors. The Club provided a washing machine for the Penrith Women's Refuge. The Committee again organised the Christmas Stocking which thanks again to Mrs Ruby Peel and her helpers raised \$2,300. A record number of Christmas Hampers were distributed by our members and Inner Wheel.

Monetary donations were made to Emu Plains Boy Scouts, Leonay Playgroup, Cambridge Gardens Girl Guides and Penrith Technical College. A donation of \$1,000 was made to Kingswood Park School library after it was destroyed by fire.

The International Service Director, Charles Glanville was assisted by:- Bill Cowley, I.P.A.C; P.P. Trevor Hitchcock, F.A.I.M.; Chris Holden, Student Counsellor; John Leven, Rotary Foundation; Bill Plant and Mark Trench, Student Exchange. It is noted that P.P. Trevor Hitchcock was appointed District 969 F.A.I.M. Chairman - a position he filled so ably that he was appointed to the same job the next year.

In the area of Student Exchange:- (a) Tony Speirs returned from twelve months at Stanger Club in District 927, South Africa. (b) Our Japanese student Takora Suzuki left for home having been hosted by Kerr and Barbara Chatfield, Lindsay and Pam Jackson, Ivor and Margaret Speirs and Wal and Mary Findlay. (c) Our Club successfully nominated Alison Davies for a twelve month stay with Hamamatsu East Club in Japan. (d) The Club also nominated Lee Findlay who was accepted to go to South Africa.

The Club again participated in the following I.P.A.C. projects:- (a) Educational grant of \$280 to the Rotary Club of Pudu in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; (b) Grant of \$120 made to the Salvation Army in Bandung, Indonesia towards education expenses of two students; (c) Grant of \$140 sent to the Rotary Club of Malacca, Malaysia as a scholarship for two students. Two of the above are a continuation of scholarships awarded three or four years ago and although the amounts may not seem large by our standards they are sufficient to assist these overseas students for each year and are greatly appreciated by the awardees.

Through the enthusiastic encouragement of P.P. Trevor Hitchcock twenty four of our members contributed to become Life members of F.A.I.M. programme. This programme is an Australian concept aimed at providing practical assistance in the form of Development projects in Papua-New Guinea. Those who cannot contribute their labour and skill contribute funds.

In the field of Rotary Foundation the Club scaled down its contributions this year. The Club had subscribed enough to have four Paul Harris Fellowships awarded in recent years. Members did however contribute to the Fund by way of weekly donations bringing the Club's rating up to 1600%.

Director Lindsay Jackson assisted by Brian Parkinson, Kerr Chatfield and Brian Corlis carried out an effective programme of Vocational Service. A "mock interview" programme was staged at Cambridge Park High School which resulted in the following words from the Headmaster- "I feel that such interaction between the School and the community is of great benefit to all concerned". The Club again presented the Youth Award at Penrith Technical College.

P.P. Tom joined the Club in 1974 and gave valuable experience serving as Assistant Secretary, Bulletin Committee, Rotary Foundation and Vice President. Performance of these tasks led to a year of solid achievement and consolidation. P.P. Tom continued his Rotary service until he resigned in early 1987.



39 1983-1984 PRESIDENT RAY LYNCH



1983-1984
Ray Lynch H+

To quote the words of Pres. Ray Lynch:- "At the start of this Rotary year, the Board of Directors reviewed many ideas and undertook and completed many of them. Better fellowship was to be our main aim for the year". This aim was well achieved - two delightful "Ladies Nights", a Games Night at Max and Enid Lumley's home and the Christmas Party held at Peter and Ria Hendrikx's home which was the highlight.

Pres. Ray's team were:- Immediate Past Pres. Tom Hobbs, Vice Pres. & Club Service Bert Taylor, Secretary Albert Blatch, Treasurer Brian Nicholson, Youth Service Director P.P. Harvey Joyner, Community Service Director Barry Cook, International Service Director Lindsay Jackson, Vocational Service Director Graham Skinner, Rotary Information Director Robin McKay

Charles Glanville arranged accommodation and Barry Cook drove the bus load of fifteen members and . their wives to the District Conference at Gosford .: Club membership was 56 with 4 losses and 3 gains. One of those losses was P.P. Bruce Neale the last of our foundation members and the first nominated by our club for a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Once again the source of funding for Community Service projects was the Christmas Stocking Raffle at Penrith Plaza. Thanks again must go to Mrs Ruby Peel and the Inner Wheel girls who sold the tickets day after day.

Fifteen hundred dollars was paid to Thorndale to enable a young handicapped man to become a resident at Thorndale Cottages at Orchard Hills. Forty Christmas hampers were distributed through the district by the ladies of Inner Wheel using Bob Neale's truck. The Club provided twenty two monogrammed shirts to outfit the members of Cambridge Park High School band.

It was intended to have a Blood Pressure Unit in Penrith during the year however this could not be arranged but negotiations continued so that the unit would arrive before the end of 1984.

In the field of International Service, Director Lindsay Jackson was backed up by Bill Cowley Mark Trench, Bruce Naphthali and Ivo Slezacek. The highlight of the year was in the words of Lindsay Jackson the Student Exchange Programme: Alison Davies returned from Japan and related her experiences and we realised the wealth of knowledge she had acquired regarding the Japanese way of life. That night she dressed in their traditional costume and demonstrated some Japanese dancing. Due to a misunderstanding with District we were unable to host the South African Student we had expected, however, action was put in hand to ensure that we got one next year.

Raising funds for the Rotary Foundation was the big objective. Geoff Wood organised a night at Gledswood Winery which was attended by 57 people. The financial result put us on the way to being able to nominate another Paul Harris Fellow.

The Underprivileged Children's' Fund met the need of at least five children. Special shoes were supplied for two crippled girls and three children were sent to a special school camp holiday. The R.Y.L.A. Committee under the chairmanship of Darel Mullen sponsored Misses Jacqueline Hendrikx and Donna Kohalmi to attend the seminar at Blue Gum Lodge, Springwood. R.Y.L.A. seeks to bring together a group of young people with different vocational, religious, social and academic interests who are involved in various youth activities to work together, discuss and learn something of the problems of their generation. Each of the awardees believes that she benefited greatly from her attendance at Springwood. Not only was the instruction provided and knowledge gained impressive but the social involvement was high and lasting friendships and memories were formed.

The Vocational Service Committee under the chairmanship of Director Graham Skinner arranged a number of programs during the year both as part of Club meeting programs and at other interesting venues. In August 1983 we had a very interesting visit to the Nepean Milk factory which was notable for being equipped with some of the most modern equipment in this Country.

Early in 1984 our members visited Penrith Leagues Club and although much of the finishing work remained to be done we were able to appreciate the immensity of the new club and its many new features. After the inspection the fellows adjourned to the "old" Leagues Club for an enjoyable dinner. The usual award to the "Apprentice of the Year" of Penrith Technical College was presented.

To conclude, I quote the words of Pres. Ray- "Fellows, I think we have all become aware of the importance of fellowship, which is so necessary. I have enjoyed the spirit which has radiated at our meetings".

P.P. Ray was born at Balmain and grew up at Dover Heights. He started work at Farmers Ltd. in 1972. In 1978 he became a Merchandise Manager at Myers, which had purchased Fletchers store in Penrith, later becoming Grace Bros. He joined our Club that year and served as Secretary for the following three years becoming Vice President in 1982-3. After his Presidency he again served as Secretary in 1986-7 and as one of the program team in 1989-90. His Rotary service ended in January 1992. Ray had been an 'A' grade tennis player and a cricketer when a school boy but now is only an occasional golfer



40 1984-1985 PRESIDENT BERT TAYLOR



1984-1985
Bert Taylor H*

This year marked forty years of Rotary in Penrith - years covering changes in Rotary thinking and in Penrith itself. The Club had changed from a very small town club with predominately local interests to one with a much wider outlook.

The Club was led by Bert Taylor who had filled many positions during his Rotary service. His team was I.P.P. Ray Lynch. V.P.Club Service Charles Glanville, Secretary Albert Blatch, Treasurer Brian Nicholson, Youth Service Lindsay Jackson then Brian Corlis, Community Service Angelo Giambuzzi, International Service Max Lumley, Vocational Service Brian Corlis then Peter Parker and Rotary Information P.P. Trevor Hitchcock.

Pres. Bert's aim was to ensure that as many members as possible participated in the Club's activities, a goal which was achieved. Although members were lost including Lindsay Jackson who had been very active, seven new members joined the Club. Our President complained in his Annual report about poor attendance something which occurs as each Club becomes larger and older and seems inevitable.

Charles Glanville organised a contingent of 28 to attend the District Conference where the high standard of our Club Bulletin was referred to. The Bulletin thanks to the standard set by P.P. "John" Knox and carried on by his successors was outstanding. The variety and standard achieved by the programme organisers was also referred to.

In the field of Youth Service the Club supported a "Safety Poster Competition" which was very successful. It was run in the Primary Schools in the district. The Club sponsored two candidates to R.Y.L.A. namely, Debbie Lewis and David Wood. R.Y.L.A. has proved a most successful youth training project.

The Parents and Citizens Associations of four Primary Schools - Braddock, Emu Plains, Jamisontown and York, were assisted to establish each's "Safety House" programme. Several needy children were assisted from the Underprivileged Children's Fund. The Club again gave the usual award to the "Apprentice of the Year" at the TAFE College and was suitably presented at a "Careers Forum".

Kirsten Ramsay was dispatched to Canada on Youth Exchange and Lee Findlay returned from South Africa. Penrith hosted a G.S.E. team from Kentucky and nominated an applicant for a Rotary Foundation Graduate Scholarship. Although not in his sphere as International Service Director Max Lumley very ably organised a successful District 969 Golf Day, the proceeds from which allowed the Club to nominate another Paul Harris Fellow.

It must be noted that Membership and Club dues as well as contributions to Rotary Foundation have cost very much more due to the lower value of the Australian dollar against the U.S. currency.



The largest fund raising project was the Teddy Bears Picnic held at Warragamba. Funds were provided inter alia for the provision of the play area at Nepean District Hospital- a project carried out by the various members with building trade and labouring ability and enjoyed very much by them. The Christmas Stocking Raffle was again a successful money raiser thanks largely to Mrs Ruby Peel and her Inner Wheel helpers. Christmas hampers were again provided for twenty five needy families and members assisted St John's Ambulance Brigade to organize and conduct its "door knock" appeal. A further contribution was made to the District Stadium for the Disabled appeal.

The Club remitted 6000 pesos to the Rotary Club of San Fernando in the Philippines towards the cost of medical supplies for the treatment of leprosy.

The usual Vocational Service activities were organised. Bruce Naphthali took part in a symposium arranged to discuss the problems of unemployment. Problems had to be overcome in this field due to the resignation of the first Vocational Service Director whose duties were taken over by Peter Parker. Bruce Naphthali was a speaker at the symposium for the unemployed held in Penrith. The Club was shown the workings of an automatic telephone exchange which was very interesting.

Financially it was a very successful year, the Club was able to spend about \$12000 on worthwhile projects including the Rotary Foundation, as a result I.P.P. Warren Pinfold was made a Paul Harris Fellow - a well deserved honour.

PP Bert was born and grew up in Essex (UK.). After doing his matric he went to Southern Rhodesia where he was a telegraph officer for 18 months. He then moved to Kenya, where he served as a paramilitary Police Inspector after which he was a farmer for 17 years during which he married Jean, a nursing sister. P.P. Bert came to Mulgoa about 23 years ago, where he was involved in the poultry industry until the company moved operations to the Hunter Valley, when he moved with it, living at Norah Head where he lives as a retiree. In younger days, he was a keen cricketer and tennis player. Now he enjoys fishing.

On leaving Penrith in 1995 PP Bert joined TOUKLEY Rotary club and a few years later also became a member of TOUKLEY men's Probus club. He resigned from Rotary after 5 years with Toukley having been a Rotarian for 27 years in all, to concentrate on Probus. He is still a member of Probus having served on the Board for most of this time and having been President twice. Like many clubs, numbers have declined and are now half what they were back in the 90's. PP Bert retired from WORK! in 1997 and the following year spent 4 months travelling in Europe, taking in the Rotary International Conference in Glasgow, met Paul Henningham there but no one else from the District. Until more recently when Arthritis and Cancer got hold of him, he had been busy working for Coast Care in Norah Head and been President of the Ratepayers association. He says Lawn bowls helps to keep the Arthritis at bay and the Cancer treatment has worked out well.

41 1985-1986 PRESIDENT CHARLES GLANVILLE



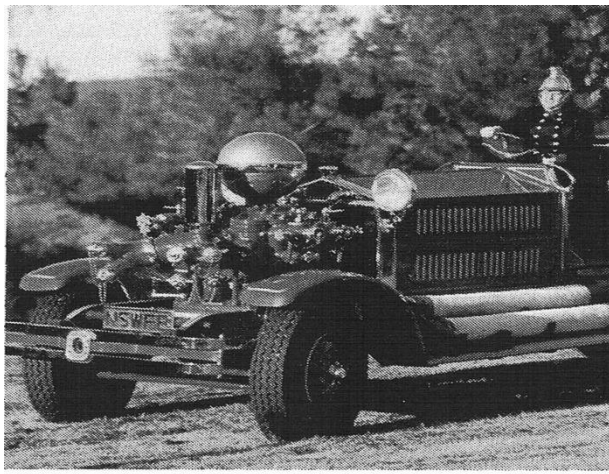
1985-1986
Charles Glanville H

This year the Board comprised:- President Charles Glanville, I.P.P. Bert Taylor Vice President & Club Service Barry Cook, Secretary Albert Blatch, Treasurer Les Lewis Directors: Community Service Geoff Wood, International Service Bruce Naphali, Vocational Service Angelo Giambuzzi, Youth Service P.P. Peter Mead, Rotary Information Ivor Speirs.

At the commencement of the year this Board formulated the following objectives:- (1) To select projects which took full advantage of the vocational skills of the members; (2) To ensure that Rotary aims and objectives were achieved while at the same time exposing it to as broad a section of the community as possible; (3) To ensure that Rotary's ongoing programs and administration were correctly implemented; (4) To adopt a "team" concept within board members and to ensure that the work load was evenly divided among all board members regardless of their "official" titles.

The following projects were undertaken and achieved. (a) The establishment of a Fire Education Centre and Museum which involved the re-furbishment of the old Power House in Penrith. This project had a dual benefit to the community as it was a means of giving young unemployed people trade training. The cost of the project was estimated at \$680,000 and was carried out as a joint community effort supported by the State and Commonwealth Governments, the Board of Fire Commissioners, the trustees of the Museum of Fire and the Rotary Club of Penrith with our Club as the manager and sponsor group.

The Club has been informed by Government officers that it is the largest project that State and Commonwealth Governments have undertaken in association with a community group. The high esteem which led to this project has been enhanced by the efficient execution of the work which was largely contributed to by Geoff Wood, Peter Hendriks, Albert Blatch, Charles Oxenham, Doug Judd, P.P. Warren Pinfold, P.P. Bert Taylor, Tom Marston, Jack Plummer, Trevor Hall, John Leven and Garry Rumble.



The Christmas Stocking raffle was again held in the Penrith Plaza for the ninth year which not only raised funds but exposed Rotary to the public eye. To enable more money to be raised for charity the Club supplied tickets to various charities which sold them and were allowed to retain the money. Selling was carried out by Ruby Peel and her team of Inner Wheel "girls". This project was organised by Geoff Wood, John Scott and Angelo Giambuzzi.

The Club again supported the Teddy Bear's Picnic. Rotary received excellent publicity through radio station 2WS and broad community support through business houses by way of advertising. Approximately 2000 people attended Penrith Paceway and non-stop entertainment was provided by Penrith City Concert Band, the Bush Band "Nudge Nudge", Humphrey B Bear, the Gypsy Joe Magic Show and the Colour Care Bears. A Rotary team led by Peter Parker, P.P. Peter Mead, P.P. Bert Taylor, John Jennings, Angelo Giambuzzi and a group of Inner Wheel Ladies.

Our fourth Celebrity Dinner was held at Panthers Entertainment Centre thanks to Roger Cowan and the Panther's Board. The guest speaker was Dr Geoffrey Edelstein - the main organizer was .P.P. Ivor Speirs. Dick Corio organised the weekly raffle which brought in a profit of \$1,800 for the year. Total funds raised by the Club's programs this year excluding the efforts for the Fire Museum project amounted to \$8,100. The Board decided to supplement the "Underprivileged Children's Fund" so that the flow of anonymous donations to needy Penrith Children could continue; a further \$2,800 was transferred to it while \$1,500 was expended.

Rotary Youth Exchange was supported again this year. Our Kristine Ramsay returned from Canada in January. The Youth Exchange chairman of District 709 (Canada) provided her with an excellent reference. The club hosted Mats Nilsen from Sweden and Reiko Aoki from Japan who are proving excellent ambassadors for their Countries we again enjoyed their friendship. The Club also supported the nomination of Miss Jacqueline Cabban from Mt Riverview who was selected by our District as an outgoing exchange student. Two students were sponsored for R. Y.L.A. Miss Lee Finley and Miss Anne-Louise King who demonstrated the value of these seminars when they addressed the Club later.

The Micro-search Foundation was supported by a donation of \$500. A bus trip to the Micro-search Centre was enjoyed by members who learned in more detail of the work it does. A further \$500 was sent to the Rotary Club of San Fernando (Philippines) to assist it's Leprosy control project. Our Club is we are told a major contributor. Two additional schools received \$200 each towards the establishment of the Safety House Scheme.

Club fellowship benefited as a result of the following social events: - A weekend away to the Hunter Valley; Two theatre nights in Sydney; Fellowship evening at Kevin Hughes' home; A meeting at Kingswood RAAF base attended by the Swedish Ambassador; Our Christmas Party at Acacia Lodge, Emu Plains; Christmas breakfast held on the banks of the Nepean River; A visit to the Richmond Restaurant with South Penrith Club. Wing commander Ray Sonsie allowed the Club to use the Officers' Mess for the visit of the Swedish Ambassador and a donation of \$130 was received from the RAAF's profit from the dinner.

The Club lost two members but gained nine new ones- starting the year with 59 and ending with 66.

P.P. Charles grew up at Granville and attended the Patrician Brothers Colleges at Granville and Fairfield after which he studied Architecture at Sydney University. Before his graduation served a Cadetship with the Commonwealth Government after which he worked for the Commonwealth. He married Sue in 1971, they lived at Parramatta and as the work he was doing in private practice was mainly in the Penrith area, he commenced his practice there in 1974. His main sporting interest is in cricket, although he is no longer a player. P.P. Charles main interests are his family, the visual arts, his profession and his library covering that field. He joined our Club in 1974 when he came to Penrith.

For his dedication and generosity with the business resources he committed to the Hope Cottage Project, PP Charles was honoured in 2010 by Rotary International with a merit award for his service to Rotary and all his efforts with the Hope Cottage project.

42 1986-1987 PRESIDENT BARRY COOK



1986-1987
Barry Cook H

The Office bearers for the year were: - President Barry Cook, I.P.P. Charles Glanville, Vice President Len Satara, Secretary P.P. Ray Lynch, Treasurer Les Lewis, Director Community Service Peter Parker & Chris Holden, International Service Albert Blatch, Vocational Service Brian Corlis, Youth Service Alan Hind, Rotary Information P.P. Harvey Joyner.

Pres. Barry Cook's aim for the year was to build on the fellowship established over previous years and to base fund raising efforts on this. Good fellowship was enhanced by a number of successful well attended outings undertaken such as week ends at Canberra, the Hunter Valley vineyards and theatre nights in Sydney. These outings were all the more successful because the participants travelled together by motor coach arranged by Barry, who like many of his predecessors used his personal talents to fullest advantage. Apart from engendering good fellowship, these outings were good fund raisers.

An excellent fund raiser was the visit of the well known artist Jack Absalom as guest speaker which resulted in \$1250 being donated by the Club to In search towards youth Camps in the fight against drugs. The principal organisers of the night were P.P. Bob Neale and Bruce Naphali.

Attendance and membership records, a little noticed but very essential task was well done by P.P. Alf Preskett. The Club started the year with 65 members, inducted 3 new ones but unfortunately ended the year with 10 resignations - a net loss of 7.

Vocational Service was under the direction of Brian Corlis and Rotary Information was provided by P.P. Harvey Joyner. Community Service was widespread. The Penrith Community Aid Service was assisted by the gift of chickens for inclusion in Christmas hampers. Nepean Rescue Squad received \$1000 towards the purchase of another rescue vehicle. Riding for the Disabled was presented with a cheque for \$500 towards riding equipment. EPIC an organization connected with the Development Disability Service of Nepean Hospital received various items of equipment to assist disabled children in our area. The Christmas stocking raffle was again a very successful fund raiser. The value of it's contents was increased by 50% to \$1,500 and ticket selling was once again a success due to the work of Mrs Ruby Peel.

The International Service efforts were widespread and well achieved. In the area of Youth Exchange we sent a good ambassador to Brazil in Jacqueline Cabban, and said farewell to our Japanese student Reiko. At the changeover the Club was awaiting the arrival of Jan Hansen from Germany,

The general policy of nominating at least one Paul Harris Fellow each year continued, P.P. Ivor Speirs being the recipient.

The Club was fortunate in obtaining 30 surplus hospital beds and two cots from Jamison Hospital and thanks to P.D.G. Dick White arranged transport via HMAS Canberra to Honiara in the Solomon Islands. The Leprosy Hospital run by the Rotary Club of Union in the Philippines was assisted to the extent of \$500 which covers 25% of it's annual expenses. This was the third year of the Club's involvement. Club members sponsored the Canadian G.S.E. team for five days.

In the field of Youth work, the Club sponsored two young folk, Jane Mullen and Craig Wood to attend the R.Y.L.A. seminar at Blue Gum Lodge, Springwood. Both have agreed that they gained a great deal from their experience.

The Teenager of the Year programme sponsored by District 969 had two nominations from our Club- Miss Paula Tierney and Miss Marilyn Murphy who while not winning the major prize, presented themselves with maturity and enthusiasm and each was a credit to her generation.

A first for the Club was realised when one outbound and two inbound students were sponsored to the P.A.C.E. programme. Miss Hilary Williams was outbound and those club members who heard her speak before she went to Vanuatu and on her return can readily appreciate the value of this programme. If further evidence of the value of the programme was needed it was provided by the two charming young ladies, Miss Nancy Wells and Miss Melanie Nafui who spent an exciting two weeks with our members.

Once again the Underprivileged Children's' Fund was used to benefit the local Community; assistance to the value of \$2377 was distributed in such diverse areas as clothing, car safety belt, fares and accommodation to those in need.

P.P. Barry grew up in the 1940's at Warragamba. He attended Penrith High School after which he became an apprentice mechanic with Bale & Sons, bus proprietors at Wallacia, rising to Manager before Bales sold out to Bosnjak's. He continued as Manager and lives in Penrith. P.P. Barry joined Penrith Rotary on 6th March 1978 and served in many roles. He is a golfer but it is apparent that Rotary is his main interest along with his family and work.



Members and family on one of the trips during the year

43 1987-1988 PRESIDENT LEN SATARA



1987-1988
Len Satara H

At the Changeover night in 1988, outgoing Pres. Len Satara said inter alia, "We have a friendly Club" (something which has been the case since it was formed) and also "a special thank you to all the board members for their professional approach to all the projects that they chose, and then, successfully completed".

The Board referred to consisted of:- President Len Satara, I.P.P. Barry Cook, Vice Pres. & Club Service Director Albert Blatch, Secretary Joe Grassi, Treasurer Peter Fehon, Director Community Service Brian Nicholson, International Service Peter Hendriks, Vocational Service Alan Hind, Youth Service Wilf Levy, Rotary Information Darel Mullen, Pres. Len paid tribute to his V.P. Albert Blatch for the smooth running of those activities which play such an important role in the Club.

Charles Oxenham as Sergeant at Arms ensured efficient and well run meetings without the loss of goodwill. Harry Cormack as editor in chief assisted by Trevor Hall and Garry Rumble produced bulletins up to the Club's high standard while P.P. Harvey Joyner maintained a very enjoyable series of programs. The little heard of but important roles such as attendance record keeper which this year was Willy Piepers and that of Conference representative P.P. Peter Mead, were performed efficiently and well.

The Community has always expected good results from the Club and this year would not have been disappointed. At the opening of 2KA Studios, the Club manned the Barbecue and ran the food facilities and coped with the very large attendance of several thousand including the Prime Minister. This was not a fund raiser but rather one of community exposure. Once more the Club was involved in feeding about 500 people at the official opening of the Museum of Fire, which it had previously played such an important part in refurbishing. This job was carried out not only by the fellows but also their wives. The Christmas stocking raffle was organised with the assistance of Penrith Plaza management and Inner Wheel. Ruby Peel was once more the "five days a week" sales promoter. The Club's share of profits was \$1600 plus. The Club once again assisted Penrith Community Aid with funds for Christmas hampers for the needy.

School Principals and P & C executives were invited to a meeting where the drug awareness video "Out of Control" was shown followed by discussion with Dr Rolf Godesar, a senior medical authority. Subsequently the video was made available to many of the schools.

A major project undertaken involved the design and construction of a wheel chair lift to assist the mobility of a local quadriplegic youth. While many fellows assisted in the project, two performed major tasks deserving special thanks - Les Armstrong and his staff at no 1 C.M.A.D. (RAAF) Kingswood for the design and manufacture and P.P. Trevor Hitchcock and his firm for supplying many electrical components for the job. It was interesting to note that the commercial cost of this item was in excess of \$4000 but due to the assistance of the various members the cost to the Club was \$100.

As part of an ongoing project \$400 was sent to San Fernando in the Philippines to help stamp out leprosy. A number of smaller projects were funded e.g. Sun Toy Fund Rotary House Appeal, Jamison Primary School excursion, Penrith Eisteddfod prize and South Penrith Rotary Club tree planting.

In the field of International Service the major project was the contribution of \$6,843 to Rotary International's Polio Plus Programme which pledges to immunize the children of the World against Polio by the year 2005 - Rotary's 100th anniversary.

Exchange student Jan Hansen arrived from Germany in August, 1987. Our outward bound student Danielle Oarke left for Finland in January 1988 and enjoyed her visit. Members enjoyed meeting the members from District 118 (Wales) at the farewell dinner at Windsor RSL. This year the Club sponsored a young person Rebecca Yates to the P.A.C.E. Rebecca visited American Samoa for a month and judging from her enthusiastic address to our members on her return she was an excellent Ambassador for Australia in Samoa and the same for Samoa on her return.

Vocational Service has always been a difficult avenue although an important one. Discussion groups were organised to increase members' knowledge of their fellows' vocations. Through Alan Hind assisted by Doug Judd the Club became involved in the establishment of a Business Enterprise Centre in Penrith. As this involves negotiation with business and commercial houses outside Rotary, progress was therefore slow but a meeting was arranged this Rotary year, hosted by the Mayor of Penrith to introduce the concept to the business community, this project was completed during the following year under President Albert's care.

The Underprivileged Children's Fund was used to assist with fares and accommodation for some High School athletes to attend the Australian Track and Field Championships. Assistance consisting of a video unit was provided for the Four Winds Youth Hostel at Orchard Hills -, Due to changes in the curriculum of Penrith TAFE the usual award was given to Miss Joan Vallance, the Home Science student who demonstrated the greatest potential in culinary skills.

The major contribution by the Club this year in Community support in the area of youth was it's part in establishing the Peer Support Programme at Penrith High School. Funds were used to train teachers and to supplement the cost of a weekend camp to train the incoming year 11 students who were to be the Programme leaders. Reports from the School indicate that the programme has been most worthwhile and an immense success.

The Rotary Information Committee had a busy year providing advice to Members and Directors in many ways due to changes in existing practice by Rotary International. The Club By-Laws have been revised accordingly and reprinted. Discussion programs on the R.I. changes were held thanks to P.P. Bert Taylor and Max Lumley. Special items on Rotary Information were supplied for publication in the Bulletin.

On the 2nd May 1988, one of the Club's staunchest members of almost 38 years standing, Gordon Lauder left Penrith to retire in Ballina and resigned from Rotary. He served as a director for several years but his greatest contribution was a compiler of the membership records for most of the remaining years of his Rotary service, after which a successor of like dedication was not found. He consistently achieved 100% attendance during most of his membership.

Having regard to the Club's donation to the Polio Plus campaign the Club became entitled to nominate four persons to receive Paul Harris Fellowships: P.P's. Alf Preskett, Trevor Hitchcock, Harvey Joyner and Peter Mead received the honour.

PP Len was born and grew up at Cabramatta. He attended Parramatta Marist Brothers College after which he was called and served a short period of National Service. He was employed for 2 years in an accounting firm before being involved in the family companies of which he is a Director, covering property management and development especially in cattle, sheep and wheat production at Penrith, Northern NSW and Roma (Queensland). He is a foundation member of Schofields Flying Club (holding a private pilot's licence) and was the first President of Blue Mountains Grammar Foundation.

44 1988-1989 PRESIDENT ALBERT BLATCH



1988-1989
Albert Blatch H

This was a very highly successful year for Rotary and the Club, because of the active interest of the members in the various avenues of service largely due to the good fellowship generated within the Club, The success of the year was largely due to Pres. Albert Blatch's wise oversight, encouragement and very close association with Inner Wheel via Albert's wife Merle as its President.

The office bearers who comprised the Board of Directors were:- President Albert Blatch, I.P.P. Len Satara, Vice President & Club Service Robin McKay, Secretary P.P. Bert Taylor, Treasurer Peter Fehon, Director Community Service Brian Nicholson & John Graham, Vocational Service Doug Judd, International Service Alan Hind & Trevor Hall Youth Service Brian Corlis, Rotary Information Max Lumley.

In the area of Club Service, Robin McKay had strong support from P.P. Bert Taylor as Secretary with Peter Bull as his assistant, Treasurer Peter Fehon assisted by John Leven and Wilf Levy. Ivo Slezacek, Mark Trench, Dick Wilkinson and Trevor Hall doing various jobs, Sergeant at Arms P.P. Barry Cook

As Director of Community Service, Brian Nicholson stated in his report "the year was one of high profile fund raising particularly because of two garage sales and a food sale at the trout fishing competition at Panthers". A special reference must be made to changes made in Christmas Stocking sales. Mrs Ruby Peel was unable to continue with the work she had done for many years so Penrith Inner Wheel Club members undertook the job and shared the takings with our Club.

On the 5th September 1988, our meeting was conducted by the Ladies of Inner Wheel A happy dinner presided over by President Merle Blatch and her executive, a first for both clubs. In the same month, the Club joined with other Service Clubs and organisations in a joint venture with Penrith City Council to clean up a large part of the Nepean River West bank. On 30th October, 1988 Club members and their wives assisted children from the Spastic Centre of NSW in a visit to and inspection of the Fire Museum. This was most rewarding for such members both from the obvious pleasure seen in the children's' reactions to the day out and perhaps more so from the dedication shown by the persons from the Spastic Centre who accompanied them.

A duodenoscope costing \$8000 was presented to Nepean Hospital as was a Cot-death monitor costing another \$4000. An Electric wheel chair which cost \$1,200 was presented to the Governor Phillip Hospital and the Club contributed \$500 towards a wheel chair for a disabled youth.

The following donations were also made, some of which are referred to under other fields of service: - Penrith & Districts Business Advisory Centre \$500; National Summer Science School (1 student) \$200; Polio Plus \$1576; Colyton Life Education Centre \$1000; Penrith Community Aid-Christmas Hampers \$250; Autistic Association of NSW-Princess Quest \$250; R.Y.L.A. - 2 attendees \$350; Rotary Leadership Conference \$70; RYP.E.N. \$130; Model United Nations Assembly Conference \$150; Penrith TAFE prize \$50; Penrith Eisteddfod prize \$50.

A change in International Service Director was necessary due to Alan Hind having a change in work area. His role was taken over in February 1989 by Trevor Hall. While these changes cause problems, Trevor coped well and as he said, it prepared him for the same job the following year. A greatly successful role was played by the Club as host to the ladies G.S.E. team from Holland.

The Club sponsored three High School teams to represent delegates from various countries at the Model United Nations Assembly which was hosted by the Lower Blue Mountains Rotary Club. This was held over two weekends and proved a very successful event with good involvement of the 16/17 year old students. The international events of the time created much interesting discussion and debate.

The avenue of Youth Service was administered by Brian Corlis assisted by P.P. Ivor Speirs who managed the Underprivileged Children's Fund with Les Lewis. Darel Mullen who dealt with R.Y.L.A. nominations and Trevor Hall who moved to International Service. Miss Nicole Tulip was nominated and successful in attending the Intensive Science School in Canberra. Nicole who is a very bright student plans a career in Medical Science. She gave us a very impressive account of the school.

Our successful nominee for P.A.C.E., Josephine Terry spent an enjoyable four weeks as a guest of the BA Fiji Club. We received in exchange two guests from the same Club, Divesh Singh and Preta Singh. A father and child night provided an enjoyable evening, many members bringing along children and grandchildren. The visit of the children from the Spastic Centre was such a success that it was agreed to repeat it the following year. The visit by the Club's nominees David Beckett and Michael Turner at R. Y.L.A. was declared very worthwhile by the nominees.

Vocational Service Director Doug Judd and his committee members Jack Plummer and Gordon Leven undertook a very important task in pursuing the establishment of the Penrith City & District Business Advisory Centre which was started in the previous Rotary year. The centre was opened in premises shared with the Penrith Chamber of Commerce. A Board of Directors was established consisting of Doug Judd as Chairman and Trevor Hall representing the Club, with Max Gibb representing the Chamber of Commerce, Hunter Gibb, John French, Peter Berger & C Haynes. The Centre was officially opened by the Premier of NSW at a well attended function at "Panthers" Leagues Club. The Centre's record has been very impressive in spite of it's recent beginnings- it has assisted in creating and preserving some 154 jobs. More than 175 people have been assisted and advised. The Centre is presently advising and assisting an average of 40 applicants each month.

This most memorable year was brought to a close, at a happy changeover dinner at which two Paul Harris Fellowship were awarded to P.P.'s Robert Neale and Ray Lynch. Membership topped 70 with a gain of 9 members, making us the largest club in the District.

PP Albert is a true Penrithian, tracing local ancestry back five generations. He attended Penrith High School after which he joined the Bank of NSW, now Westpac, serving in many branches until he moved from Pendle Hill branch to manage at Penrith. He retired in 1985. P.P. Albert joined the Club in January 1981 and is still a keen active member. He has served on the Parish Council of St. Stephen's and many local organisations.

In 1998, after the District Governor wrote seeking assistance in creating a new Rotary club at Glenmore Park and Penrith Club agreed to assist, a group was set up and Glenmore Park Rotary Club started. With P.P. Albert was the Charter President. Albert has also overseen the set up of two Probus Clubs. Glenmore Park Probus Club – funds were obtained from Penrith Council to assist in founding a Probus Club. South Penrith Probus was set up by Glenmore Park Rotary Club as well as P.P Gary Rumble and Penrith South Rotary Club. Unfortunately, after 6 years Glenmore Park Rotary Club had to close, not being able to maintain its membership. But That proved a blessing for our Club when P.P. Albert returned to us with his usual passion.

45 1989-1990 PRESIDENT ROBIN MCKAY



1989-1990
Robin Mckay H

This was the 45th year of Rotary in Penrith and was, to quote from Pres. Robin McKay's report, an enjoyable one for all Club members. As he said "The International President entreated us to Enjoy Rotary and . Enjoy it we did"] but he went further- he concluded his address with "if our sole aim was to enjoy Rotary the enjoyment would be shallow and temporary. Thankfully our enjoyment has emanated from the avenues of service Rotary offers and the fellowship that service creates".

The office bearers who led the Club were:- President Robin McKay, Immediate Past Pres. Albert Blatch, Vice President & Club Service Dir. Bruce Naphali, Secretary Garry Rumble, Treasurer Willy Piepers, Community Service Director Peter Parker, International Service Director Trevor Hall, Youth Service Director Brian Corlis, Vocational Service Director Peter Fehon, Rotary Information P.P. Bert Taylor.

In the field of Vocational Service the Club was very active. This is not an easy avenue of service but Peter Fehon with his assistants, Les Lewis, Graham Skinner and John Leven organised many interesting visits including a visit to the Penrith Lakes Scheme concept viewing a large working model which demonstrated just what a tremendous asset for Penrith the finished project will be.

The Club was very involved in the Operation Livewire project, having been appointed a regional organizer responsible for allocating mentors to young participants - covering the area from Mt.Druitt to Katoomba including Richmond, Windsor and Kurrajong. The scheme is to encourage young people between the ages of 18 and 25 to establish their own businesses. A network of Rotary Club mentors or advisers are matched to each entrant keeping in close contact for at least three months while the entrants have the opportunity to discuss their ideas and plans with experienced people.

International Service Director Trevor Hall assisted by Kerr Chatfield, John Atkinson, John Stokes and Will Levy was mainly concerned with International Youth matters. The Club hosted two overseas students, Kjetil Breirik, Sandnessvorn Club, District 227 Norway and Valter Zamur from Sorocaba Club (Sao Paulo) District 462, Brazil The Club sponsored two outgoing young people - Jane Walker to Brake-Unterweser Club, District 185 West Germany and Scott Styles to Uthalthan Club, Thailand District 335.

The Club hosted the G.S.E. team from Atlanta, Georgia USA for a day in March 1990. Its members had a busy day commencing with a boat trip up the Nepean River in the morning followed by lunch at the Panthers and an afternoon visit to the Penrith Lakes Scheme.

In the area of Rotary International Service the Club provided funds, as follows:- Youth exchange outgoings \$1980; Rotary Foundation \$4848.

The Youth Service directorate under Brian Corlis consisted of Phil Ryan, Les Armstrong and P.P. Charles Glanville was very busy and the Club had a very rewarding year. One of its nominees, Kathy O'Toole was selected to attend the National Summer Science School at Canberra. Natalie Jakka attended R.Y.L.A. at Bluegum Lodge, Springwood and addressed the Club expressing her thanks. Danielle Moran was nominated to attend next year's Science School- hopefully she will be accepted as these seminars are very valuable in giving students proper basis on which to plan their tertiary studies.

Rotary Information was constantly and subtly brought before the members, mainly through the Bulletin by P.P. Bert Taylor assisted by P.P. Peter Mead and Ivo Slezacek.

Pres. Robin remarked that it was a quiet uneventful year but an examination of the records reveals a very different story. Paul Harris Fellowships were awarded to P.P's. Bert Taylor and Charles Glanville.

P.P. Robin grew up at Castlecrag and attended North Sydney High School after which he studied Architecture at the University of NSW. After graduation, in 1964 he went to work in London for two years after which he returned to a job in Sydney for a further two years, then he came to Penrith in 1969. In his younger days he was keen on sailing and Rugby. P.P. Robin was Gideons International State President - he also took groups of young people to Crusader Camps; now he chairs the Penrith Chamber of Commerce Development Committee; the University of Western Sydney, Nepean Continuing Education West and Blue Mountains Grammar School Development Committee



The Rotunda at Nepean Hospital under construction.

46 1990-1991 PRESIDENT BRUCE NAPTHALI



1990-1991
Bruce Napthali H*

The Board of Directors which so ably administered the club were:- President Bruce Napthali, Immediate Past Pres. Robin McKay, Vice President & Club Service Brian Nicholson, Secretary Alan Hind, Treasurer Willy Piepers, Community Service Peter Bull, International Service Trevor Hall, Vocational Service Peter Fehon, Youth Service Garry Rumble, Rotary Information P.P. Peter Mead.

The meetings were a source of great fellowship thanks to Sergeant at Arms P.P. Charles Glanville and his assistant Mark Trench who extracted fines with great humour and subtlety. These jobs are unceasing to be performed each week as are the jobs of organizing the raffle and providing the prizes which this year was ably done by John Costa and Keith Willoughby. Of course another most important weekly job is that of producing the bulletin apart from its frequent regularity, anyone acting as editor has a very high standard to maintain as our bulletin is famous throughout the District. Kerr Chatfield was the Editor this year. Two other onerous but unspectacular jobs are those of Secretary and Treasurer. Alan Hind and Willy Piepers performed them ably and well. The programs were varied and interesting. One of the early ones on car driving- the speaker was Ian Luff of Advanced Safety Dynamics and it was followed by a course at Oran Park.

Our "Vintage Car" man, P.P. Jim Scott was honoured at a "Vintage Penrith Night" at Panthers when members assisted by his wife Doreen set up a wealth of exhibits- evidence of what Doreen called his "hoarding" qualities. P.P. Albert Blatch, Frank Cronin, P.P. Barry Cook and Graeme Brennan with many supporters organised a successful fund raiser- a garage sale held on the site where the new Penrith Council Chambers are to be built at Castlereagh Road.

A November meeting became the scene of Royal Ascot and Flemington combined. Les and Edna Lewis helped by Ray Boyle and Jack Plummer planned and ran a terrific night. Ray Warren a sporting commentator called a phantom race and the sweepstakes and Calcutta brought in a nice sum, not only to the winners but also the Club.

An interesting inspection of Warragamba Dam including a tour inside the wall was of great interest to not only our members but also about 30 Japanese visitors. It was an interesting fellowship night culminating with our fellows making an unsuccessful attempt to sing the Japanese National Anthem.

Another interesting inspection was of the Missile Testing Plant at Orchard Hills which we were told had cost \$18 million, where we were shown a film about the detection and disposal techniques used by the Navy and Air Force.

The Club continued to support the Operation Livewire Programme providing two mentors. Programs devoted to helping our shy members to cope with everyday duties such as effectively introducing and thanking visitors and speakers. A vocation Discussion Group was the final activity in Vocational Service at which the members had the opportunity to discuss the problems and opportunities of being in business in the current tough economic times. The usual TAFE award was made in the field of Culinary Skills. The question was asked whether this was due to Rotary's dependence on gastronomic matters for successful meetings.

The Club was well represented at the District Changeover which was held at Rooty Hill RSL Club. Eight members and their wives attended the District Conference which was held at Mudgee.

All members participated in the ticket selling for the Christmas Stocking Annual Raffle over a six week period. Again this year the success of this fund raiser was due to the help of the Inner Wheel Ladies. At the Christmas meeting held at Peter and Judy Mead's home we saw our first group of Japanese Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Shimada. They came bearing gifts of scarves and goodwill. What was lost to the language barrier was gained from their love of Fosters Lager.

Our Christmas Eve breakfast meeting was held in Tench Park and was followed by the drawing of the Christmas raffle at Penrith Plaza by the former MP for Penrith, Guy Matheson. At short notice, the Club acted as host for a number of country students attending the Summer School at our Western University, which service was greatly appreciated.

The Rotunda at Nepean District Hospital was duly completed which had been commenced during the previous Rotary Year.

The downturn in the economy saw an increased demand on the Underprivileged Children's Fund. In addition to monetary help members gave help in other ways. In one case, this help was in the form of performing repairs to one family's home and a motor car. Our friends at the RAAF Kingswood assisted with men and materials to make another family's house livable again. The Club also assisted the Salvation Army with it's Red Shield Appeal by providing team leaders.

In the field of International Service other than hosting the Japanese Rotarians, the Club hosted three exchange students-Valter Zamur from Brazil, Suzanne Volkenhorn from Germany and Wai Kaylai (Carolin) from Malaysia, all of whom delighted their hosts. One of our travelers returned - Jane Walker who had been in Brake, Germany and from whom we had received most interesting and delightful letters. Judy Fitzgerald left at this time for Japan. There is no doubt that Student Exchange is a very worthwhile project and young participants benefit greatly thereby. At present, Elizabeth Duncan from Jamison High School is studying Japanese in anticipation of her year in Japan. In January, 1991, Amanda Richards a year 10 student at St. Paul's Grammar is off to Malaysia and will be one of our youngest outbound for a very long time.

In the field of Youth Activities it was quite an active year. The Club successfully nominated Danielle Moran to attend the 1991 C.R.A. National Science Summer School in Canberra. She afterwards spoke at a Club meeting when it was realised that the cost to the Club of \$400 was well worth while. R.Y.P.E.N. was held at Grace Lodge Christian Centre Yarramundi. Three students were sponsored by the Club. In the field of Rotary Foundation Education Awards, the Club nominated one candidate, seven were considered by the District but the Penrith nominee was unsuccessful.

Membership fluctuated during the year, two new members were inducted. Steele Rudd our oldest (in years) member resigned and was immediately elected an Honorary member. Among other attributes Steele was a "Tobruk Rat" in World War II. Dick Wilkinson was given long term sick leave, Ron Barrett renewed attendance for a number of meetings until sickness made his attendance difficult. A Paul Harris Fellowship was awarded to P.P. Barry Cook - a well deserved honour.

P.P. Bruce grew up in Campsie and Strathfield, he attended Newington College at Stanmore where his main sport was rowing. He qualified as a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and practiced as a partner in a Sydney firm before coming to Penrith in 1973. He plays an occasional game of golf but spends his spare time encouraging his three sons' sporting activities.

47 1991-1992 PRESIDENT BRIAN NICHOLSON



1991-1992
Brian Nicolson H

The success of the year was largely due to Pres. Brian Nicholson's leadership and experience gained by his service in many roles during his Rotary service coupled with the enthusiasm and hard work of the Board of Directors which comprised:- President Brian Nicholson, LP.P. Bruce Naphali, Vice President & Club Service Peter Bull, Secretary Trevor Hall, Treasurer Ray Boyle, Director Community Service John Stokes, Youth Service Paul Allen, Vocational Service Harry Cormack, International Service John Graham, Rotary Information P.P. Barry Cook.

As Pres. Brian said at the changeover at the end of this Rotary Year, 1991-92 was one of economic difficulty - the worst in Australia for sixty years which placed pressure on members and their families as they endeavoured to meet business and professional commitments in varying degrees of priority. Membership numbers dropped to 53 plus one honorary member, Steele Rudd who had been an active member for many years. In spite of reduced numbers fundraising during the year approached \$25000 and Club members not only contributed to the cost of the Cambridge Park High School-house project but also the erection of the building.

The major project of the year was the provision of a "Heart starter" machine for Penrith's fifth intensive care ambulance at a cost of \$11000 which was raised by two evenings at Stepping Out Theatre Restaurant organised by fellow Ray Boyle.

The other major donations were:- Australian Rotary Health Research \$2000; Camp Quality \$2000; Rotary Foundation \$2560; Penrith Community Aid (Perce Hargraves House) \$1100; Nepean Hospital, Intensive Care \$1000; Tressilian Care \$500; South Penrith Youth Development Project \$500; Trees for Survival Programme \$450; High School awards \$450.

There were three fund raising efforts apart from the Heart-starter project- the Christmas Raffle at the Plaza run by our members in conjunction with Penrith Inner Wheel Club and with the support of many local business houses and two garage sales.



As in the past, the unsung "heroes" made the running of the Club and its meetings efficient and enjoyable. P.P. Len Satara and his team provided programme co-ordination, enjoyable guest speakers and social functions. There were six Club Assembly and Rotary Information nights. Graeme Brennan performed the arduous duty of keeping membership records and attendance figures. Keith Willoughby and John Costa ran the weekly raffles providing up to five prizes and lots of laughs. Kerr Chatfield provided weekly bulletins of the high standard for which the Club has been famous. Kerr's quotations from Burns, Keats and other authors were excellent. Dick Corin started the year as Sergeant at Arms but resigned mid term leaving the job to be carried on by David Roberts and Charles Oxenham who provided great fun and discipline at the meetings. John Leven emerged as an Irish joke teller par excellence following the St. Patrick's Day meeting, while Len Satara's interpretation of an Irish accent will long be remembered.

Families were assisted through the Underprivileged Children's' Fund including a trip to a seminar in Canberra by a terminally ill boy. In the field of Community Service, the Club provided drivers for the "Sallies" on Red Shield day.

It was a quiet year for Youth Services with two students attending R.Y.P.E.N. and two at M.U.N.A.. Due to economic problems the Board decided not to host an overseas exchange student during the year but did sponsor Australian students for overseas exchange- one to Japan and one to Brazil. Our visiting student from Malaysia returned home in December 1991.

Harry Cormack during his first year as a Board member found his job as Vocational Service "challenging". As he stated in his annual report "Vocational Service is an all pervasive portfolio which impinges, perhaps more than any other portfolio, on other directorates within the Club". Any Rotarian who has performed this office would agree it presents many problems.

A number of relevant and interesting activities were organised namely: - (a) A very successful dinner meeting at the Rum Corps Barracks following a visit to the John Moroney Correctional Institute at Windsor. The visit to the Centre was interesting and enlightening and the meal and fellowship rewarding. (b) An excellent night was enjoyed by courtesy of Barry Penfold a solicitor who is the celebrated author of "The Secret Wines. of New South Wales" who gave us a presentation about his book and very generously supplied the members with a selection of Cartobe wines from the Boorowa District. (c) The Vocational Service directorate became involved again with "Operation Livewire". This year, four live wires from the local area were identified and watched with mentors and a high degree of satisfaction within the scheme has been reported by mentors and "live-wires".

The club lost another member of 22 years service in Perc Hargreaves who died on 18th January, 1992. Perce, like many Rotarians performed a great deal of community service outside Rotary. He and his wife Betty were very active in Community Aid since its inception.

Paul Harris Fellowships were awarded to P.P.'s Len Satara and Albert Blatch. This year could be assessed as having been a difficult but successful one.

P.P. Brian was a native of Bexley North. He went to Tempe High School after which he attended evening lectures at the Valuers' Institute, Sydney achieving qualification. He was employed first by the MWS. & D Board followed by the Valuer General's Department. He came to this district in 1960 as a government valuer, then went into private practice with P.P. Laurie Alcorn. His work has been wide spread covering all states of Australia, Germany, Holland and Europe precluding much spare time activity apart from Rotary which he joined in 1977.

48 1992-1993 PRESIDENT PETER BULL



1992-1993
Peter Bull H*

During this year the Club achieved a very unique first. Immediately before the Rotary year began, the incoming Board decided that the goal during the ensuing year would be for the Club to earn a Presidential Citation for balanced club achievement. This was done by the successful completion during the year of four major identified achievements in each of the four avenues of Rotary Service. The Club was the first in the District to accomplish this due to the hard work and enthusiasm of Pres. Peter Bull, the Board and members. Credit must be given to him for the general oversight of all the programs and to the work of every Director in his field.

The Board consisted of:- President Peter Bull, I.P.P. Brian Nicholson, Vice President & Club Service Trevor Hall, Secretary John Stokes, Treasurer Ray Boyle, Community Service Wayne Rickard & Graeme Brennan, International Service John Costa, Vocational Service John Graham, Youth Service Harry Cormack, Rotary Information P.P. Robin McKay

As Pres. Peter also said at the changeover, the year was one of great fellowship thanks to P.P. Albert Blatch and P.P. Barry Cook. Theatre parties to see "The Winslow Boy", Cole Porter's "A Swell Party" and "Ain't Misbehaving" were special social events- good shows but great bus trips to and fro were fun. A bus trip to the Hunter Valley wineries was also excellent.

Any record of the year's work would be incomplete without reference to the excellent jobs carried out by secretary John Stokes and Treasurer Ray Boyle - Ray was largely responsible for organizing a great night at the Stepping-Out restaurant which raised over \$10,000. Special mention must be made of the generosity of the owners and staff of the restaurant who donated 50% of their takings and wages also to the support of many local business houses.

Other fund raising projects, so necessary to make the Club projects practical realities were firstly the Christmas Stocking which raised \$10,000 divided with the Inner Wheel Club whose members were our main selling agents as usual, and thanks to Wayne & Heather Rickard and Jan & Graham Brennan who put in so much work organizing the project.

Another project was organised in conjunction with Nepean District Hospital and Ashton's circus. This was attended on each nightly performance by six Rotarians who collected from patrons. The Circus proprietors made a large donation to our cause and together with our nightly collections brought in over \$5,000. In spite of hard times the people of Penrith "dipped deep" as usual to support the Club's appeal.

The Tresillian Centre benefited from money raised from the sale of refreshments at it's opening in the Nepean Hospital grounds.

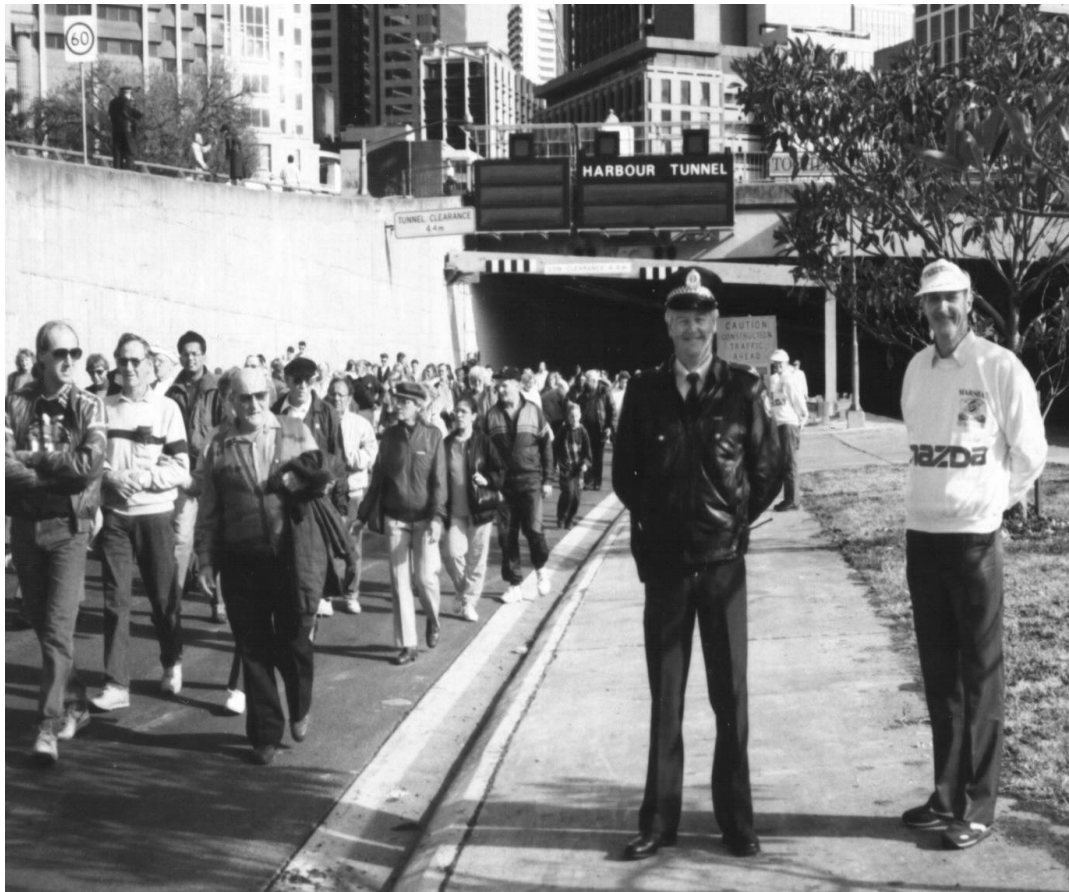
In the field of Community Service, apart from projects previously referred to, Nepean Fire Museum, Children's Hospice, Henry Fulton Nursing Home, Penrith Community Aid and Cranebrook High School's "Trees for Survival" project were all assisted by the Club.

Youth Service covered many fields. Kathryn Corlis, daughter of member Brian participated in our P.A.C.E. programme and in spite of hurricane weather had meaningful interaction with our South Pacific neighbours. Mission employment carried out at Penrith and the Mamre group at St. Mary's helped an interested group of young people improve their skill at "work seeking" interviews. Mock interviews were organised with businesses associated with our members including Price Waterhouse (Accountants) Scott's Auto One, Kneebone Beretta & Hall (Engineers), Robin McKay (Architect), Lamrock's and Cormack Partners (Solicitors), L J Hooker (Real Estate) and Fehon Walton (Accountants) at St. Marys. Talks by members at Mamre to students on Computer skills and trade school skills were well received and it is hoped were of great benefit.

The Club sponsored James Neale and Damien Drew at the R.YLA conference, both of whom greatly appreciated the experience. Two students, Stewart Bailey and Chris Cook, both from Cranebrook High School were nominated for the 1991 Summer Science School.

The Club was very pleased to host a wonderful young lady from Belgium as it's Rotary Exchange student. Auralie Van Eeckhout was an excellent ambassador for her country- we wish her well for her future. Two outward bound exchange students were sponsored this year- Lisa Grosman from Emu Plains to Germany and Luke Bolero from Mulgoa to Brazil. The Club also sponsored Marika Kalfos from Orchard Hills to the Summer Science School in Canberra. Marika subsequently finished in the top 200 of the State in the H.S.C.

The Club welcomed the visiting Group Study Exchange team from District 5020 (Canada) during March 1993. Director John Costa with his wife Mary, P.P. Peter Mead and Keith Willoughby organised visits . to the Museum of Fire and the Nepean River lunching on the "Nepean Belle". A Civic reception was held at Penrith City Council where our visitors were welcomed by the Mayor, Councillor Gayed and some of his fellow Councillors. This was followed by a guided tour of "Panthers".



The Club also participated in the supervision of the opening of Sydney Harbour tunnel- a great day which raised many thousands of dollars which will be used by the Deaf & Blind Society to establish a school for the deaf at Penrith.

The Club sponsored mentors for four LiveWires interested in setting up new businesses. The mentors from Rotary were Doug Judd, Len Satara, Ralph Jack, John Stokes and Peter Parker. Other Vocational Service was provided by a varied number of speakers including members with "2 minute talks" at weekly club meetings. A very informative visit to Arnott's Biscuit Factory took place thanks to Chris McKnight who co-operated in making the visit such a success. Over 100 "Pride of Workmanship" certificates were distributed throughout our community acknowledging excellence in the workplace and promoting the message- "Do it once, do it well, build a better Australia".

Early in the year a very successful combined meeting was held with Windsor Club which provided great fellowship and an interchange of valuable "Vocational" information. That committee worked closely with the programme committee to provide interesting speakers. The "two minute talks" initiative at each meeting was not only informative but enjoyable. These talks as in past years provide not only information concerning our fellow member's vocations but unearth a surprising depth of hidden talent in public speaking among them.

The following projects, most of which have been previously mentioned, summarizes the Club's efforts. A total of \$23,018 was distributed to the following organisations:- Rotary Foundation, Camp Quality, Children's Hospice, Nepean District Hospital, Penrith Fire Museum, Henry Fulton Nursing Home, Tresillian Centre, Underprivileged Children, Penrith Community Aid, Australian Rotary Health Foundation, G.S.E. Team, Trees for Survival, RYLA.

The Club nominated three people as Paul Harris Fellows who received their medals and award certificates at the changeover. These were P.P's. Robin McKay and Bruce Napthali and the Club's first non Rotarian, Mr. Ross Sinclair - a fine citizen who has done so much to assist worthy Community causes over the years.

Special recognition awards were presented to Ray Boyle, P.P. Warren Pinfold and P.P. Doug Watson. Special awards were made to the undermentioned for their long Rotary membership in our Club:- Ron Barrett 44 years, P.P. Brian Lamrock 44 years, P.P. Warren Pinfold 36 years, P.P. Doug Watson 35 years, P.P. Jack Thumm 32 years, Frank Cronin 31 years, P.P. Jim Scott 27 years, Max Lumley 26 years, Peter Hendrikx 25 years, Charles Oxenham 25 years, P.P. Harvey Joyner 25 years.

P.P. Peter grew up at Double Bay and attended Sydney High School, he then studied for 4 years at the NS. W Institute for Technology and Royal Melbourne Institute becoming a Radiographer. He practiced at Blacktown but lived at Penrith, after 4 years he went back to study at the Sydney College of Chiropractors and opened a practice in Penrith in 1979. P.P. Peter lectured at Macquarie University. He plays golf and in another couple of years will lead Narooma Rotary. One daughter is following in his footsteps as a chiropractor the other has a B. Comm. degree and is in the finance field.

Peter relocated in 1994 to the far South Coast Town of Narooma with his wife Karen to take over the Narooma Chiropractic Centre. Peter's transition into the Rotary Club of Narooma was smooth and quick. Local Penrith pharmacist & Past District Governor, Dennis Green, had advised his fellow District Governor & Narooma club member, Jack Ings, that Peter was moving to Narooma. Upon arrival to his first meeting, the Club already had his paperwork completed and Peter was inducted the next week. The Rotary Club of Narooma was a small but active Club of 20 members. It was founded in 1958 and was an important part of the development of Narooma. Peter served on the Board for 5 years in the roles of Secretary, Club Service Director and as President in 1997-98.

Peter took up a position at Macquarie University in 1999 pursuing postgraduate study in Radiology and he & Karen moved back to Sydney living in Palm Beach. There he joined the Rotary Club of Pittwater and enjoyed a couple of years of Peninsula fellowship. Due to family health issues, Karen & Peter moved to Hunters Hill to care for his aging Father. Peter's Rotary involvement was put on hold while he juggled postgraduate study and a carers role for his Dad. Karen went off to work in the city while Peter pursued his studies, graduating in 2004 then taking up a senior lecturers role at Macquarie University. Peter retired from the university in 2012 and he & Karen moved back to their home in Narooma and re-joined the Narooma Rotary Club. He now juggles Rotary with part-time work in teleradiology and golf. Peter & Karen spend the rest of their time travelling and spending time with their grandchildren.

49 1993-1994 PRESIDENT TREVOR HALL



1993-1994
Trevor Hall H

At the end of this Rotary year the Club could look back at another very eventful and satisfying one. Not only was the year a busy one with effective programs in every avenue of Service which resulted in another Presidential Citation for balanced Club achievement, but the Club sponsored a new "daughter" Club- a very necessary adjunct in a fast growing area in the form of a "morning breakfast" club- "Penrith Daybreak". As has happened in the past, the sponsor Club loses some of its own members who transfer to the new one but this ensures a solid knowledge of Rotary to guide its footsteps.

The fact that Penrith now has three Rotary Clubs demonstrates not only how much the district has grown but the acceptance of Rotary by it. When our Club was chartered in 1945 it was the first formed between Parramatta and Katoomba and it was necessary for its sponsors to take in the St. Marys area in order to recruit sufficient (29) members for its formation.

Under the leadership of President Trevor Hall the Board consisted of:- I.P.P. Peter Bull, Vice President & Club Service Alan Hind, Secretary John Scott, Treasurer John Costa, Community Service Charles Oxenham, International Service Keith Willoughby, Vocational Service Graeme Brennan, Youth Service Brian Corlis, Rotary Information P.P. Brian Nicholson.

In the field of Community Service the most outstanding achievement which earned the Club the District Award for the "Best Club Project" was the landscaping project carried out at the Royal NSW Institute for Deaf and Blind Children. A project that could not have been possible without P.P. Peter Mead.

- the following is a copy of the article which appeared in Rotary Down Under:-

PENRITH ADDS GREENERY

The Rotary Club of Penrith NSW, has been hard at work establishing the landscaping at Glenmore Park Early Childhood Centre, a division of the Royal NSW. Institute for Deaf and Blind Children. Proceeds from the 1992 Sydney Harbour Tunnel walk were used to build the centre. Penrith Pres. Trevor Hall said that the project of landscaping meant a considerable saving to the institute. The organizing committee included landscape gardener Peter Mead, retired fire officer Charles Oxenham, RAAF Base Kingswood landscape gardener John Graham and Keith Willoughby, a plant retailer. Working in weather conditions ranging from a heat wave to a downpour, the Rotarians in five weekends contoured the site, removed rubbish, paved and built a wall, placed 5,000 square metres of turf, planted 781 shrubs and constructed a watering system. Roy Babbage, of the Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains, operated his bob-cat free of charge at the site. Rotary Club of Penrith Daybreak members, Rotarians' partners and 20 weekend detainees from the nearby Emu Plains Periodic Detention Centre also worked on the project. Donating goods and services were Amgrow, All Class Turf Supplies, Alpine Nursery, Neil Lickerman, Nolan Quarries, GKN Rentals and Mike's Hire. All are thanked - John Scott"

The Institute acknowledged the Club's work with a special dinner for members and their wives at which Pres. Trevor and P.P. Peter Mead were presented with Life Memberships. The value of the work carried out meant a saving of at least \$65,000 to the Institute.



Still in the field of nature- The Club again gave practical assistance to Cranebrook High School in its "Trees for Survival Programme/Greening Australia".

Funds were raised to assist other Club projects by the Christmas Stocking Raffle in conjunction with Inner Wheel, The Pot plant sale and the Stepping our Restaurant Social Night all of which raised a total of \$18,938.45.

From this income \$9,000 went towards funding the Rotary Wing of the Children's Hospital at Westmead and \$1450 was donated to the Rotary Foundation. The Club assisted with Guildford Club's "Queue for Service" project: the Elderly Shopping Night at Grace Bros. Penrith, Red Cross Fund raising and ticket selling in the Mall for Penrith Warehouse Youth Centre. The Club's Underprivileged Children's' Fund operated as usual and its funds were raised to \$800.

The work of Director Charles Oxenham, who has been a member of the Club since 1968 was performed with his usual good humour, side stepping from well deserved praise.

An Exchange student from USA, Tammy Pritchard arrived. She was hosted by Chris & Wendy McKnight, Adrian & Kerry Lamrock, Brian & Jeanette Corlis, Graeme & Jan Brennan, Keith & Marilyn Willoughby were Counsellors. Unfortunately Tammy did not abide by the rules of Rotary Youth Exchange and was sent home a month early by District.

The Club also hosted the G.S.E. team from South Africa for a week- the host families were:- Charles and Sue Glanville, Ivor & Margaret Speirs, Trevor & Tess Hall and John & Mary Costa.

Our visitors were taken on tours of Penrith City, including a visit to the Museum of Fire, a trip up river on the Nepean Belle, a Civic reception held by the Mayor, and a tour of Penrith Panther's bars. Next day was wholly spent on a launch trip up the Warragamba Dam- only special guests are so entertained, the previous one being HRH. Prince Charles. This day was finished off by Neil Lickerman taking the team water skiing.

Brian Corlis experienced his third year as Youth Service Director filling in when Wayne Rickard who resigned from the club. Our nominee for the National Science Summer School, Stewart Bailey from Cranebrook High School, was accepted, and he chose the course in physics. He gave a fine address to the Club on his return. The competition for places in this School is becoming intense as candidates are drawn from Australia and New Zealand with a selection rate of almost 10% so our selection has been very good over the past years. We will be sponsoring two from Jamison High School next intake.

The Club's successful nominee for Rotary Teenager of the Year was Amanda Richards who had already been an exchange student to Brazil. Susan Hood from South Penrith was the Club's nominee for R.Y.L.A. who spoke well on her return.

In the area of Vocational Service, Director Graeme Brennan felt that the Club was not as successful as he would have liked. Two Schools were approached for involvement in "Choosing Your Career" projects, but both Penrith and Nepean High Schools declined participation considering their own facilities adequate. It is intended to approach Jamison and Cranebrook High Schools for the ensuing year.

The Club again participated in the Penrith Business Advisory Centre- "Operation Live Wire"; Willy Piepers and Joe Grassi joining the advisory board which is led by Pres. Trevor and Doug Judd.

"Do it Once- do it Well" plaques are still being given to businesses and individuals.

The Club ended the year with an approximate surplus of \$5000 in the Project and General Purpose account. The year has been a very good and happy one, with members participating enthusiastically in our projects. It must be noted that another worthy P.P. Brian Nicholson has been made a Paul Harris Fellow bringing the total to date to 24. Club membership ended at 55.

P.P. Trevor spent his schooldays at Taree where he attended the local High School after which he worked as a trainee engineer in the NSW. Railways. He studied at the University of NSW part time graduating as a B.Sc. (Engineering) in 1972. The following year he came to Penrith to work in a practice that is now his own business. P.P. Trevor has been a Director of Penrith Business Advisory Centre for the past 5 years, Chairman of the Red Cross Calling Committee and a member of the Board of the Association of Consulting Structural Engineers. Trevor says that after attending to all the above and family affairs he is left with little time for more than an occasional round of golf.

Trevor is currently the Club Secretary and Bulletin Editor. He has held positions on the Board almost every year since his year as President. His contribution to our Club and the Community has been immense and looks like continuing for years to come.

50 1994-1995 PRESIDENT ALAN HIND



1994-1995
Alan Hind H

At the changeover dinner in 1994 incoming President Alan planned to provide a Club atmosphere which would encourage interest, attendance and new membership. To achieve these aims there was concentration on the traditional values of Rotary. Emphasis was placed on the well being of the Club, Community and Youth Service. Pres. Alan and the Board were concerned with the decrease in membership which was high after the loss by members joining the new Penrith Daybreak Club and the normal resignations were taken into account.

It is interesting to note that the Club's first lady member, Mary Anne Lowery with the classification of Chiropractor was inducted with five other new members during the year.

The Board of Directors consisted of:- President Alan Hind, I.P.P. Trevor Hall, Vice President & Club Service Ray Boyle, Secretary John Scott, Treasurer John Costa, Community Service Brian Corlis, International Service Keith Willoughby, Youth Service Charles Oxenham, Vocational Service Willy Piepers, Rotary Information, P.P. Albert Blatch.

The policy of fostering interest in Rotary itself made it vital that Vocational Service be in the hands of an experienced member who was Willy Piepers. This policy ensured that members were kept informed of changes in other's callings and that interesting talks on, inter alia, emu breeding, guided missile design & testing, Chiropractic practice, real estate, air conditioning and air force engineering ensued.

A meeting was held at the University of Western Sydney Observatory where a night was enjoyed star gazing. Mock job interviews were again held to assist unemployed school leavers. "Operation Livewire" to assist young people seeking to set up their own businesses assisted two such people. Pride of Workmanship Awards to encourage high standards in the workplace, in the form of plaques were presented. The Club took part in Rotary's "Employ Australia"-10,000 job possibilities were identified throughout the nation.

Most effort in International Service was directed to assist young people. Damian James from Canada was hosted by Mr. & Mrs Good, parents of one of our outward bound students, John & Robyn Scott, Trevor & Tess Hall and Paul & Monika Allen and Keith & Marilyn Willoughby who also acted as Counsellors. Damian was an outstanding ambassador for his country. The Club sponsored Kristie Goode and Skye Brooks who left for a year in Brazil. A Group Study Exchange team from Alaska was hosted for a day and shown over the Penrith Lakes Scheme and the Museum of Fire.

The Rotary Foundation received \$2,700 from the Club which entitled it to nominate two Paul Harris Fellows- these were P.P's. Peter Bull and Trevor Hall.

Youth Service Chairman Charles felt that his illness early in the year curtailed activity in his field, but much was achieved in fact. Prizes were donated at Jamison and Nepean High Schools. Jane Moore was nominated to attend R.Y.L.A., which she obviously appreciated from what she told the Club afterwards. Two students and a counsellor from Jamison High School were sponsored to attend 1995 Model United Nations Assembly Seminar. None of our three nominees for Rotary Teenager of the Year awards shared a major prize in spite of their qualifications, however, the high standards required to win are encouraging.

Several major fund raising ventures organised by the Community Service Committee were held. Director Brian was not happy with all results, nevertheless funds were raised and excellent fellowship did result from the fellows' efforts.

One function resulted in a financial loss- this was "Harold's Birthday", a joint venture with the Life Education Centre at Colyton and the Museum of Fire. This family fun weekend with carnival attractions including train and pony rides, free entry to the Museum of Fire and stage entertainment by amateur groups and Harold the Giraffe (mascot of the Life Education Centre) did not draw sufficient people. This was mainly due to the clash with The Festival of St Marys and Father's Day. After allowing for lost revenue to the Museum of Fire a large overall loss resulted.

A Plant sale organised by P.P. Peter Mead and Rick Cortese held at the Deaf & Blind Institute at Glenmore Park resulted in a \$1,300 profit. Part of this was spent on renovations and shelving installed by Jack Plummer and Peter Mead at the Institute.

A family fun day held at Panther's grounds by the Department of Youth & Community Services to celebrate "The Year of the Family" brought in about \$700 for each of the five Rotary Clubs participating.

The Christmas stocking held once again in Penrith Plaza was a great success thanks to the generosity of the donor business houses and the salesmanship of the Inner Wheel ladies raising \$8,800 shared by the Club with Inner Wheel.

Another successful event was a dinner held at the Stepping Out Theatre Restaurant thanks to Ray Boyle in organizing it- a profit of \$5,000 resulted.

The main beneficiary of the Club's fund raising was the Rotary Wing of the new Westmead Children's Hospital which had already received a major contribution from our Club in the previous Rotary year. Much time and discussion took place concerning the format for the celebration of the Club's 50 year Anniversary which will occur on 16th November next and also about the manner and cost of publishing the fifty year history "The Turning Wheel".

PP Alan Hind joined the Club in mid 1985 with the classification "Defence Explosives". P.P. Alan had a long and expansive career as an Air Force Officer serving with fighters at William town, Butterworth and support command at Melbourne, coming to Penrith in 1980-81. P.P. Alan's first Rotary job was in the year he joined as a Bulletin writer followed the next year as Youth Service officer then in 1987-8 was Vocational Service Director followed by 1988-9 International Service. He was Secretary in 1990- 91, Programs in 1992-93 and Vice President in 1993-94. In younger days he was a keen basketball and volleyball player and is now a golfer.

PP Alan stayed very Active in the Club. Since his retirement from work in 2013, he and Liz have been travelling extensively including attendance at the Rotary International Conference in Lisbon in 2014.

51 1995-96 PRESIDENT RAY BOYLE



1995-1996
Ray Boyle H+

It was decided to record the history of the first fifty years of the Club which ended on the 16th November 1995 and will be celebrated on the 16th March 1996.

The Club this year is led by President Ray Boyle assisted by I.P.P. Alan Hind with V.P. and Club Service John Scott (son of P.P. Jim Scott) John Costa was to have filled the position of Secretary, however P.P. Albert Blatch was appointed after John's resignation, Treasurer Ben Feszczuk, Community Service Rick Cortese then Geoff Blaauw took over when Rick was granted leave of absence, International Service P.P. Peter Mead, Youth Service Charles Oxenham, Vocational Service Chris McKnight, Rotary Information P.P. Barry Cook To fulfil his role as Club Service Director, John Scott has the assistance of an able team: Sergeants-at-Arms, Mark Trench and Jack Plummer, Programs are in the care of John Stokes, Bulletin Editor P.P. Trevor Hall assisted by Mary Anne Lowery, John Buckland and John Leven conduct the weekly raffles while attendance records are kept in the hands of Willy Piepers and John Graham. Membership development is with P.P.'s. Albert Blatch and Barry Cook while Membership Classifications is with P.P.'s Brian Nicolson and Ivor Speirs. The Under-privileged Children's Fund is being administered by Joe Grassi. All in all a competent team.

One of the first fund raising functions of the year was a Charity "night out at the movies". This was a special preview screening of the re-make of the classic Australian film "Dad and Dave On Our Selection", starring Dame Joan Sutherland and Leo McKern. The Hayden Cinema Complex provided a theatre at no cost to the Club. Almost 300 people attended - refreshments were enjoyed by all in the foyer after the show.

Not only was the Club able to maintain the "Trees for Survival" at Samuel Terry School at Cranebrook but also established a similar project at Regentville Public School. A successful "Plant Sale" was held at this school which enabled us to provide a shade house.

The Club currently has two exchange students in Brazil - Kristy Goode and Skye Brookes and has successfully sponsored Linton Hewson to the 1996 National Engineering Summer School in Canberra.

Programme Director, John Stokes has arranged a very high standard of guest speakers this year. Among these were Garry Brack, Executive Director of the Employers; Federation of N.S.W., Andrew Penney from a Company which organizes groups of rock climbers, abseilers and explorers of the Blue Mountains caves and canyons, also Jock Murray from the Organizing Committee of the Sydney Olympics.

During October over a dozen members of the Drummoyne Club visited us when one of their members Hugh **Bishop**, a project engineer, gave a talk on the construction of the new Glebe Island bridge.

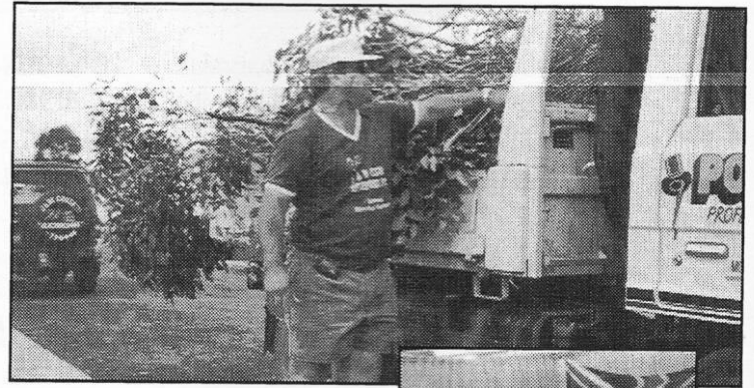
The Board is began investigating the feasibility of establishing a Rotary Hospice at the Nepean District Hospital to accommodate relatives and friends of patients similar to that built by Rotary at the Royal North Shore Hospital under PP Ray Boyle's leadership and vision. It would ultimately take the combined efforts of all three Penrith Clubs and 9 years to make Ray's vision a reality.

PP Ray was a native of Kanimbla Valley. He attended Goulbourn Agricultural College after which he qualified as an electrician working at Hartley County Council. He then became a member of the R.A.A.F for 6 years serving at Richmond, Canberra, Vietnam and Lapstone. PP. Ray then worked in the motor sales field for different firms in the Springwood area then in the firm he acquired in Penrith.



PP Ray Boyle with former Federal Member for Lindsay, The Honourable Jackie Kelly and Former State Member for Penrith, Fay Lo Po

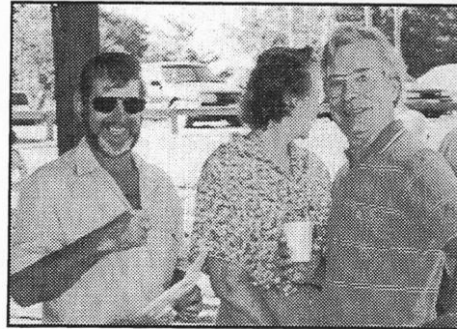
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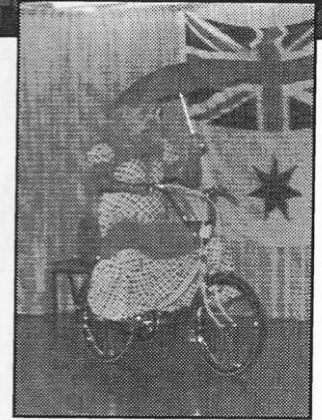
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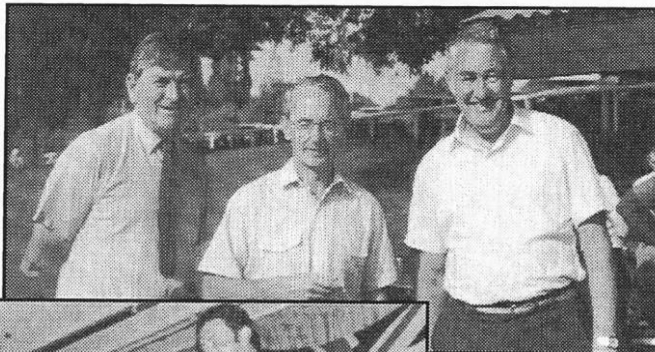


L to R: Peter Mead with Doug Judd



Jim (Jimina) Scott

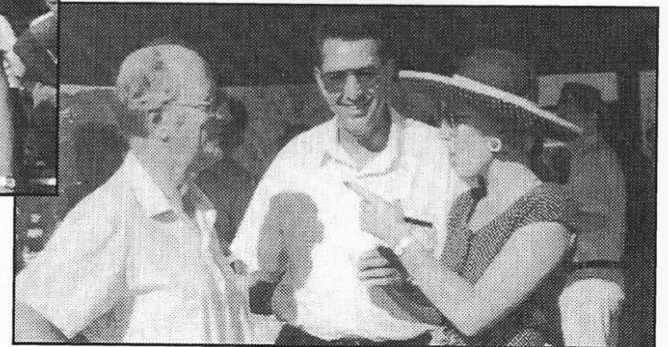
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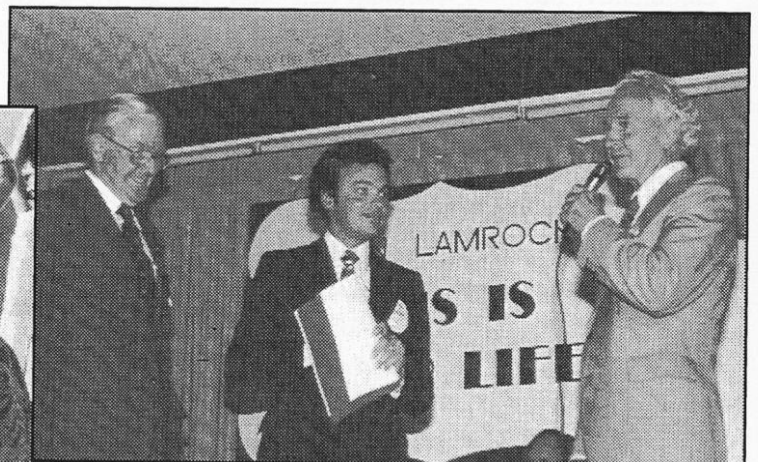
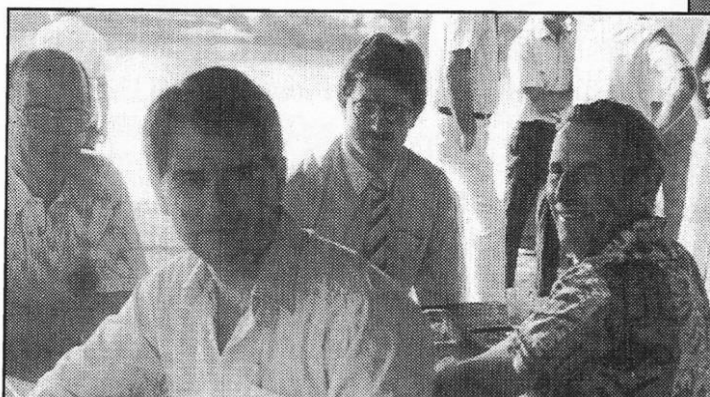
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L to R: Tom Hobbs and Ivor Speirs



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L to R: Brian Lamrock, Geoff Wood, Alex Taylor

52 1996 -1997 PRESIDENT JOHN SCOTT



1996-1997
John Scott H

John, as president, carried on the tradition of his father Jim and was ably assisted by IPP Ray Boyle, Club Service Director John Stokes, Secretary Albert Blatch, Treasurer Ben Feszczuk, Community Service Geoff Blaauw, International Service Brian Nicholson, Youth Service Barry Cook and Vocational service Geoff Wood.

John greatly enriched the club with his family's tradition in the film industry and collection of vintage cars. The members were privileged to hold the annual Christmas party amongst a large line of vintage and veteran cars of all makes. In addition some members were also willing passengers in a vintage Rolls Royce which lead a parade down the main street of Penrith for the Penrith City Festival.

Youth service under the direction of Barry Cook was successful in gaining two places in the National Summer Science Forum in Canberra. The young people selected were Bradley Street and Kathryn Shaw both from Penrith High School. Only 274 places were available from some 1,800 applicants.

A vocational visit to Australia's only "Sake" factory was most enjoyable and it came as a surprise to learn that Penrith actually exports "Sake" to Japan with a product that is very acceptable to the traditional Japanese "Sake" drinker. It seems that the quality of Penrith's water is the major contributor. The club was also able to visit Cumberland Newspapers and see the printing of the local newspaper.

The more energetic members were able to assist member Les Gould in a charity bike ride from Bogan Gate to Penrith and Rotarian Jim Scott provided a penny farthing bike for Les to ride the last leg into Penrith.

During the year, the first steps were taken for the Rotary Cottage Project with an initial approach to McDonalds for assistance. It was hoped that the cottage may be modelled on the existing Ronald MacDonald House concept.

A new children's Hospital was opened during the year at Westmead with "Rotary" sponsoring a wing known as the "Rotary Wing". The club provided considerable financial support for this project.

The club again conducted its major fund raiser, the Christmas stocking, in the Penrith Plaza. Paul Allen and Geoff Blaauw also organised a very successful golf day which raised a total of \$6,620.

Many requests for financial assistance are received but one such request was particularly interesting. Computers are now assisting every part of our lives and the club provided a computer for a partly blind girl to enable her to read almost any text by scanning the item and enlarging the print to a size she could read. A small donation has made a large difference to her quality of life



The club has provided much assistance for the early childhood centre for Deaf and Blind children at Glenmore Park. Having previously landscaped the grounds, we assisted them in conducting a Craft and Doll Exhibition to raise much needed funds.

A young Penrith girl, Nicole Cullen, survived the usually deadly meningococcus disease but left her almost totally paralyzed. The club provided her with a wheel chair which greatly increased her mobility and quality of life.

John, with his father Jim, was a director of their family Company, motor parts retailers, "Auto One." John was a President of Apex, Chairman of Kinderlan Christian School and Church Elder. Since resigning from Rotary in 2001 he became President of the Australian Automotive Aftermarket Association.



President John with Nicole Cullen and PP Barry Cook



**You pray you
never need it.**

**You'll thank
God it's there
if you do.**

53 1997-1998 PRESIDENT GEOFF WOOD



1997-1998
Geoff Wood H

During the year the initial launch of the Rotary Cottage, later to be known as "Hope Cottage," commenced with the trust deed finally being successfully completed. This major project involved the three Penrith Rotary Clubs and we started with our contribution of \$14,000.

One of the many highlights of the year was the culmination of our sponsorship of a new rotary club "The Rotary Club of Glenmore Park" with their charter night being held at the Penrith Golf Club. Unfortunately we lost two most valuable members in Albert Batch and John Graham who transferred to the new club as foundation members.

The board consisted of :- President Geoff Wood, IPP John Scott, Secretary Wil Piepers, Treasure Ben Feszczuk Club Service Brian Corlis, Community Service Peter Mead, International Service John Costa, Vocational Service Trevor Hall and Youth Service Keith Willoughby

John Costa, International Service Director, demonstrated much enthusiasm during the year in facilitating the hosting of Antoine Bastin, our exchange student from Belgium. Antoine proved to be a most enjoyable student who brightened the lives of all members who hosted and entertained him during his stay. John also demonstrated his versatility by acting as a highly entertaining tourist guide to the G S E team from Brazil.

Trevor Hall, as Vocational Service Director, capably aided the business networking aspect of Rotary by organizing a club vocational night and visit to Penrith Police Station. Trevor not only acted as a mentor for "Operation Livewire" but was also a director of the Penrith Business Advisory Centre, thereby maintaining our club's long standing association with this worthy organization.

Keith Willoughby, our Youth Director showed youthful exuberance in organizing the hosting of fifteen PACE students for a weekend. Our club was also responsible for sponsoring a very enthusiastic young lady, Kirrilee Ferguson to RYLA.

Our club was highly active in initiating a campaign of "SAY NO TO DRUGS". The highlight of the year was our youth night, with international speakers Pat Mesiti and Christine Caine from "Youth Alive". With many distinguished guests including politicians, and visiting Rotarians including DG Jack Elliott, his wife Joan and DGN Paul Klausen, attendance was close on a hundred people.





President Geoff also demonstrated his unexpected athletic ability by raising \$3,500 in the "splash for cash" event. With great endurance, he won the event by swimming the remarkable distance of 20km.

With a good mix of guest speakers and plenty of opportunities for members to get together on numerous charity events it was a very successful year. The club was able to donate to various causes a total of \$32,986 which represented \$785 per member.

Unfortunately we lost some members during the year which left our total membership at the end of the year at 44.

Owner of an Accountancy Practice, Geoff was an Australian Water Ski Marathon Champion, President of Penrith Apex, Director of The Foundation of Disabled, President of 3rd Penrith Scout Group, Chairman of District Scouts, Founding Chairman of Penrith Riverfest Committee, Founding President of The Nepean Family History Group, President of St Mary's Chamber of Commerce, President of the Western Division of the Chartered Accountants Research Society and Leader in his Church.



54 1998-1999 PRESIDENT BRIAN CORLIS



1998-1999
Brian Corlis H

The board consisted of President Brian, IPP Geoff Wood, Secretary Janet Cottee, Treasurer Ben Feszczuk, Club Service John Costa, Youth Service John Hickmott, Community Service Charles Glanville, Vocational Service Mat Wharton and International Service Ivor Speirs.

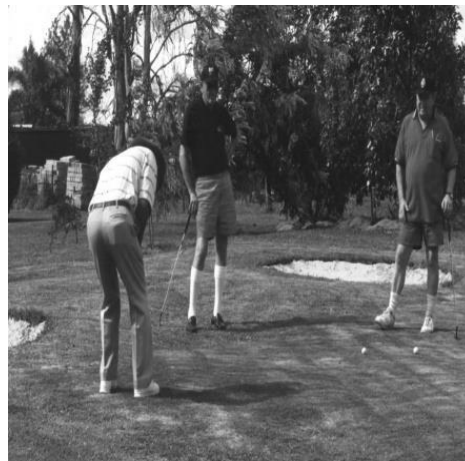
Membership was again a concern with the total dropping to 41 by years end.

President Brian's concern at the beginning of the year was the falling membership and attendance and indeed this trend is unfortunately the lot of many other clubs throughout the organization of Rotary. One could plan grand fund raising ventures but without a viable and committed membership such ventures would achieve little. His objective for the year was to consolidate existing membership and to attempt to improve the level of fellowship within club members, to promote an active recruitment drive for new members. Over the year some members who, because of family or business commitments, left. Some others who experienced temporary attendance difficulties were granted leave of absence and it was pleasing that these members returned with renewed vigor. The enjoyment of club meetings was greatly assisted by securing some good guest speakers due to the efforts of Brett Cottee and Paul Barrett.

In attempting to promote a greater level of fellowship President Brian tried to promote some varied activities for club members. Some without success particularly a 4 wheel drive safari which because of weather and lack of participating members was postponed twice. Thanks go to Charles Oxenham for twice undertaking exploratory trips for a suitable route. The Christmas Party at John Costa's business premises was enjoyed by all and a theatre night to Star City casino to see the musical extravaganza Oba Oba was enjoyed by all who attended.

A Car rally was superbly organised by Geoff Wood and on a perfect autumn day we toured the Blue Mountains visiting many places most have never heard of and ending at Mt Tomah Botanic Gardens.

A golf day was again organised by Paul Allen and Peter Mead again provided his home as the venue for a social golf day for the Jim Scott Trophy.



It was pleasing to welcome 5 new members into the club these being Brian Brainwood, Al Palmer, Doug Jones, Paul Bezzina and Mario Xeureb No less than four of these were nominated by Geoff Wood.

President Brian adopted a somewhat low key approach to fundraising carrying on existing programs. The Christmas stocking, greatly assisted by Charles Oxenham, Graeme and Jan Brennan and the ladies of Inner Wheel, proved to be the best yet. With excellent support from Penrith Plaza, who contributed their cash for kids program, we succeeded in raising over \$16,000. Fundraising for the year enabled the club to provide donations, including a \$20,000 donation to Rotary Cottage totaling \$33,206.73.

The youth program was again well supported under the able leadership of John Hickmott and the International program under the leadership of Ivor Speirs. The club hosted international exchange student Miranda Hartford from Ontario Canada and another incoming student from Switzerland was expected. We were successful in sending out going student Ashleigh Wood to Argentina."

Brian summarized his year as follows:- "The greatest benefit I have gained from my year as President has been a personal one. When I reflect on the many great Rotarians who have preceded me as President, I feel honoured to have joined their ranks, but above all, it has allowed me to gain many personal friendships which I am sure will endure in the years to come."

Brian has been a Microbiologist, Veterinary and Pathology practice owner, Manufacturer of Pathology products, National Biochemistry Quality Assurance Consultant, Senior Biochemist, Farmer, International Consultant for growing hydroponic melons, Music Teacher and Author of a book about exploration around Colo River and Wollemi National Park. Brian retired from our Club in June 2014.

55 1999-00 PRESIDENT JOHN COSTA



1999-2000
John Costa H

The board consisted of:- President John Costa, IPP Brian Corlis, Secretary Janet Cottee, Treasurer Ben Feszczuk, International Service Director Keith Willoughby, Youth Service Director Rick Cortese/Brian Corlis, Vocational Service Director Richard Powell, Club Service Director John Hickmott, and Community Service Director Brett Cottee.

John took on the task of President amidst great changes to his life with his impending marriage to new wife Gina as well as maintaining his demanding business. Club Service Director John Hickmott maintained a very good standard of meetings with good guest speakers and ladies nights.

The club's guest for the year was international exchange student Ana Kneidinger from Austria. The club hosted outbound student Amy Richardson who spent her year in Austria. Ana made many friends and enjoyed the outdoor lifestyle that is impossible in her native land. She even learned to ride a surfboard with the help of fellow exchange students. A GSE team from Wyoming, Colorado, was also hosted. Our police chief, Ben Feszczuk, arranged a visit for the team to the drug squad operations on Sydney Harbour and we were able to arrange many vocational visits for the group.

Youth Service Director, Rick Cortese, unfortunately had to withdraw from his duties which were taken over for the second half of the term by PP Brian Corlis. In spite of short notice, a student, Robert Hayes, from Cranebrook High School, was sponsored to the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra. Robert proved to be such a successful candidate that he was asked by the organisers to return to assist in the forum for the following year and was also invited to visit South Africa to attend a similar Forum. The club supported him with a donation of \$200 to assist him for this trip.

Two students Michael Connor and Jasmine Richardson were sponsored to attend the RYPEN weekend at Grace Lodge Yarramundi and a team from Glenbrook High School was sponsored to attend the MUNA weekend. During the year a box trailer was donated by John Hickmott and converted with the help of Brett Cottee into a BBQ facility.

A major donation of \$8,800 was made to Nepean Hospital to purchase a defibrillator unit. Membership was again of concern with the induction of one new member, David Conning.

A Paul Harris fellowship was awarded to Non-Rotarian Jan Brennan who has worked tirelessly on behalf Inner Wheel on the Christmas stocking. The millennium year 2000 was welcomed with a special fireworks display on the Nepean River and the club provided a BBQ and raised \$2,899 from a bucket brigade.

John, an electrical design consultant, is the owner of J & M Costa Enterprises Pty Limited, Electrical, Air-conditioning and Security Alarms business. John is a keen supporter of his Church and St Dominic's College.



2001-2001
John Hickmott H

The Board Consisted of:- President John Hickmott, IPP John Costa, Secretary Janet Cottee, Treasurer Ben Feszczuk, Club Service and President Elect Brett Cottee, Community Service Peter Mead, International Service Allan Hind, Vocational Service Barry Cook and Youth Service John Scott.

This year being the Millennium year as well as the Sydney Olympic Games provided many opportunities and challenges. The Olympic Games provided an opportunity to welcome many international Rotarians and a friendship house was set up for the period of the Olympics to provide fellowship and information on places to visit. A room in Borec House, Station Street Penrith, was obtained and was attended by various members during each day.

The major step in improving facilities for outdoor BBQ's was made with the donation by President John of a box trailer. The trailer with the BBQ was renovated and converted into a workable unit. Brett Cottee contributed greatly to this and the finished product proved to be a considerable improvement on past facilities.

Vocational service was alive and in the hands of Barry Cook who arranged a visit to Custom Coaches to see the construction of buses and coaches. An enjoyable visit was had by all.

International Service Director Allan Hind, prepared for the welcome of incoming exchange student from Germany Edie Kundt, who was due to arrive in July. Host families were still difficult to obtain and the club again questioned the viability of the International exchange student program.

The Christmas stocking was again a major fundraiser with a net profit of \$10,252.95 which was divided equally between the club and Inner Wheel Club.

The BBQ's had a mixed success with some of the commercial premises providing a loss on the day. It was suggested that a fixed fee be levied for assisting at commercial ventures such as sales and openings.

At the commencement of the year President John appealed to all members to try to introduce at least one new member during the year. Unfortunately we lost three members during the year, David Conning, Greg Roes and Mathew Wharton.

Meetings were made interesting by a number of good guest speakers, the most notable was a talk by Aviatrix Nancy Bird-Walton

This was John's third Presidency, having been President of Gilgandra and Port Hacking Clubs. He founded the Cronulla Probes Club, was Deputy Mayor of Gilgandra, President of the Grana Tourist Association and recipient of a ten year award by the Shires Association of NSW for Services to the Community.

57 2001-02 PRESIDENT BRETT COTTEE



2001-2002
Brett Cotee H*

The board consisted of:- President Brett Cotee, IPP John Hickmott, Secretary Janet Cotee, Treasurer Ben Feszczuk, Club service Mark Trench/Paul Allen Community Service Director Paul Allen, International Service Director John Costa, Youth Service Director Geoff Wood and Vocational Service Director Barry Cook.

Three new members were welcomed. They were Max Lumley (Past service - Dentistry), who returned to the club after an absence of a few years, Chris White (Concrete Construction) and Peter Forbes (Aviation Services).

Community service was alive and well and the Salvation Army Red Shield was supported and succeeded in raising \$3,566. The Rotary BBQ was again a great opportunity for fellowship and fundraising, major activities being the Camden Air Show, four days of BBQ'ing at the RAAF Base, Orchard Hills, and the "Relay for Life" for the Cancer Council. The Christmas stocking, our joint effort with Inner Wheel, had another good year at the Penrith Plaza but it is becoming increasingly difficult to secure a suitable location.

The club hosted exchange student Eddie Kundt from Germany who was hosted by Chris and Vicki White, John and Gina Costa. A GSE team from Germany also visited the club and apart from their vocational studies enjoyed sight seeing and an rafting experience on the Penrith White Water stadium.

Youth Services Director Geoff Wood his best and resulted in many youth activities. Two students, Eiryn Ollerton and Lachlan Coleman from Nepean Christian School were hosted to RYPEN at Grace Lodge Yarramundi. Maria Minichova and Ashleigh Wood were sponsored to RYLA. A team from Penrith High School consisting of Angus McFarland, Caitlin Emery and Jenua Daroczy were hosted to the MUNA where they represented the country Saudi Arabia in the debate. The Siemens Summer Science School was also attended by the clubs nominee from Nepean Christian School, Jeremy Jobse.

A new Rotaract Club for Penrith was chartered during this year. This being the Gunargarang Rotaract club chartered on 23rd July 2001. Thirty young people were inducted as charter members and Penrith Rotary club donated a fine box for use in club meetings.

Barry Cook as vocational Director organised a visit to Saintry Speedworks which is engaged in the production of drag racing vehicles and special engines.

Donations for the year totaled \$9,286 the major beneficiaries being the Prostate Cancer Foundation, and a Donation of \$2,000 to assist a family to take their child, nine-year old Joel, to England for special treatment for cerebral palsy.



Trained as a Fitter and Turner, Brett has been a Courier, Service Station Manager, Car Parts and Car Salesman and Racing Car Driver. He now owns a Sign Making business with wife Janet. An active member of Penrith Chamber of Commerce, he also owns a Pilot's licence. At present he is a member of Picton Rotary Club

He was a member of Penrith Club from 1996. Filling several board positions. He resigned from the club in 2003 when his and Janet's son Simon was starting school and they felt that having a parent at home on school nights was important. He joined Picton Club for a short time, but a change of venue meant that Picton had to change their meeting day to Monday, which was the very night I needed to be home with Simon.

For some time he lobbied District Governors as to the need for a second club in Wollondilly. In 2006 DG Patrick Robert was convinced that a club could be formed and viable. Along with Past District Governor John Lee as DG Special Representative P.P. Brett set out to form a club. The Rotary Club of Wollondilly North was chartered in early 2007. P.P. Brett had the honour of being the Charter President.

During his time as a member of Rotary Club of Wollondilly North P.P. Brett represented the club and district on the Rotary Health Research Fund Great Australian Bike Ride to raise funds for mental health research.

He also spent 3 years as President of the Oakdale Public School P&C. Through the experiences gained from his time in Rotary P.P. Brett was able to make improvements to the way the school used its most treasured resource, the volunteers.

In 2012, Oakdale which is a part of Sydney's Water Catchment (feeding directly to Warragamba Dam) came under the threat of Coal Seam Gas mining. The experiences gained through Rotary enabled P.P. Brett to take a big part in a successful campaign to keep the dangers of CSG mining out of their water catchment. P.P. Brett commented; "I would thank the Rotary Club of Penrith and its members for giving me the experience, knowledge and confidence to have taken on these challenges."

58 2003-04 PRESIDENT PAUL ALLEN



2002-2003
Paul Allen H

The board consisted of President Paul Allen, IPP Brett Cottee, Secretary Janet Cottee, Treasurer Ben Feszczuk, Club Service Director Chris White Community Service Director Charles Oxenham, International Service Director John Costa, Youth Service Director Trevor Hall, Vocational Service Director Peter Forbes.

Paul's very capable leadership led to a very successful Rotary year. We gained two members during the year and it is a reflection on the difficulties in attracting members that we had the best membership growth for our local area.

Vice President Chris White maintained a good standard of meetings and club activities. Chris will be known as our club's aviator who with his light Cessna aircraft seemed to be travelling from one end of the state to the other especially when Chris, with PP Geoff Wood and PP Trevor Hall, made a flying Santa Clause visit to Brewarrina for some Christmas cheer to many outback children We made a donation of \$5,000 to the local hospital; and other charities and Chris's role as "Santa" was even featured by ABC TV.

The club was again active in supporting the Salvation Army in their annual door knock appeal. We also provided a 24 hour food van for the Cancer Council Relay for Life.

International service was under the leadership of John Costa and during the year we hosted a GSE team from Scotland. An exchange student Michaela Dunn was sponsored and was destined for a stay in Brazil.

It was also an active year for youth service director Trevor Hall who successfully Sponsored Matthew Beck to RYLA, David Blick to the Seiman's Summer Science school and three students from McCarthy High School who participated in the Model United Nations Assembly.

The club welcomed 2 new members; Nadim Joukhadar and Vicki White, being the wife of President Elect Chris. This is our club's second husband and wife team. The clubs fundraising enabled donations totaling \$27,000 including \$10,000 to the Rotary Cottage Project.

A Tool Maker and Mechanical Engineer, Paul also earned a Bachelor of Business Degree. He was a toolmaker and car salesman before commencing a joint venture operation with James N Kirby and Sumitomo Electric industries. The business was eventually sold but Paul has stayed on as Managing Director. Paul retired to the Central Coast in 2013.



59 2003-04 PRESIDENT CHRIS WHITE



2003-2004
Chris White H*

The board consisted of President Chris White, IPP Paul Allen, Secretary Janet Cottee, Treasurer Ben Feszczuk, Club Service Director Charles Oxenham, Community Service Director Keith Willoughby, International Service Director John Costa (replaced by Willy Piepers), Youth Service Trevor Hall and Vocational Service Director Barry Cook.

The club made a donation of an "Alpha smart Computer" to the family of an intellectually disabled young person aged eight-years. The machine enables the young person to better communicate with those around him. One of our hands on projects was to organize parking for a Rodeo at Cranebrook. The event was greatly assisted by our parking expert, John Leven, whose experience of parking at the International Air Show proved to be invaluable.

Early in the year, the club was engaged in another hands-on project supervised by Chris White. A young person confined to a wheelchair was experiencing great difficulty in negotiating the entrance to his home due to the lack of pathway and steps. Many members rolled up their sleeves and constructed a concrete path and small ramp to make life easier.

The club assisted the state Cancer Council with their Relay for Life held at Howell oval. Members rotated to service a 24 hour food and BBQ tent with much needed refreshments for the walkers. The Cancer Council raised \$140,000.00, and the Relay for Life will be an annual event. Our International service Director said farewell to outbound exchange student Michaela Dunn who was destined for her stay in Brazil.

Paul Allen again rallied the golfing enthusiasts to hold the annual Golf Day at Penrith Golf Club, which along with the Christmas Stocking was the main fundraiser for the year. Unfortunately we lost one member, John Costa, but gained new members Jim Arbuthnot and Larry Wheeler as well as the return of former members Albert Blatch and John Graham, both of whom had valiantly tried to develop a new club in Glenmore Park.

Although having qualified as a Primary School Teacher, Chris moved into the family business, as manager of the transport section. He now manages the company, L W Contracting Pty Limited, Multi Story Building Contractors. A former Apexian, Chris is also on the committee of Blue Mountains Rugby. He also possesses a pilot's licence and his own Cessna aircraft. On selling the business and factory in Emu Plains P.P. Chris and his wife Vicki decided to see the country. Originally coming from a transport background they opted to get back into that business travelling to all corners of this beautiful country in their new Western Star fitted with all the creature comforts of home including double bunks, fridge, freezer, microwave, even a shower. They have delivered loads to some very remote areas including the Gibson dessert. They meet a very diversified cross section of great Australians and love to hear their stories.



2004-2005
Charles Oxenham H

President Charles' year was a busy year locally for the club and it was a busy year for Rotary International as we celebrated the 100th anniversary of Rotary.

The board consisted of President Charles Oxenham, IPP Chris White, Secretary Vicki White, Treasurer Ben Feszczuk, Club Service Director Janet Cottee, Community Service Director Trevor Hall, Vocational Service Director Barry Cook, International Service Director John Hickmott and Youth Service Director Geoff Wood.

The Vision of PP Ray Boyle was finally completed. After 9 years and the combined efforts of the three Penrith Rotary Clubs, we saw the completion of the clubs major project "Rotary Cottage" which due to concerns with the use of the term "Rotary" was renamed "Hope Cottage". The opening was well attended by many dignitaries including Federal Members Jackie Kelly and Attorney General Phillip Ruddock, the Mayor of Penrith and many local government representatives and officials from the Department of Health. The building was constructed by builder Steve Watts Constructions Without the dedicated efforts of our own member, Architect and PP Charles Glanville, Trust President Frank Portelli and Willy Piepers, the project may not have reached completion. The cottage was heavily supported by the community and many donations in kind were received. In total the project was valued at \$1,400,000.00 but was achieved with under \$1,000,000.00. The trust encountered many obstacles along the way not to mention many changes of location and project plans. Many fund raising projects were considered and planned but many fell by the wayside. Donations from "Panthers" and the "State Cancer Council" were a major factor in the project completion, particularly the support from the Cancer Council. The official opening and the handing over of the facility to Nepean hospital by State Health Minister Morris lemma took place on 2nd June and all members who were associated with the project can be justly proud.

The club received a "Centennial Citation" from Rotary International for the project.



Another project, the BBQ caravan, came to completion. The basic van was donated by Keith Willoughby and was completely renovated at Chris White's factory with many hours work by Barry Cook who received a special recognition award from RI for 25 years of dedicated service to Rotary. This van has been highly successful for providing BBQ and food services and has been used for such events as "Relay for Life" for the Cancer Council and BBQ days at Bunning's hardware. This catering caravan may also be hired out to other clubs or organisations and may provide additional revenue in the future.

Fundraising during the year enabled the club to provide donations to various charities including "Hope Cottage" totaling \$25,371.22.

The disaster of the "Tsunami" in south east Asia galvanized the club into a special fundraising and we were able to donate over \$9,000 to this special humanitarian appeal.

The club had a change of pace for the Christmas party which was a Sydney harbour Cruise organised by Albert Blatch.



International Service under the leadership of John Hickmott saw our hosting of exchange student Eva Deindorfer from Austria. She was hosted by Chris and Vicki White and Trevor and Tess Hall. Eva enjoyed her stay and like most visiting students was reluctant to leave. She was a very pleasant young lady and brightened the lives of all who entertained her.

Vocational Service Director Barry Cook arranged two factory visits, first to Chris White's L W Contracting where we were shown the making and method of erecting precast concrete building slabs. The second visit was to ASP Plastics in St Mary's where we received a guided tour by the Managing Director. The highlight was the area where safe needles were produced. These can only be used once and after use retract into a tube and cannot be a danger. This invention won an Australian inventors award.

Geoff Wood as Youth Service Director as usual excelled himself in conducting a very active youth program. Two students, Kamil James and Emily Boyle were sponsored to RYPEN. And two young people Ian Mejia and Lani Sgroi were sponsored to RYLA. The three day seminar "Siemens Science experience" was attended by two club nominees, Elizabeth Powles and Benjamin Callow from Penrith Anglican College. And Avalon Moonen was successful in gaining attendance to the "National Youth Science Forum" in Canberra.

Charles was in charge of Penrith Fire Station when he joined Rotary. Since that time he rose to Acting Deputy Chief Officer for NSW. He has received the Queen's Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and a Citation from the Board of Fire Commissions. He has been involved with Meals on Wheels for sixteen years.

61 2005-2006 PRESIDENT JANET COTTEE



2005-2006
Janet Cottee H*

President Janet has the honour of being our first Female President.

The board consisted of President Janet, IPP Charles Oxenham, Secretary Willy Piepers, Treasurer Ben Feszczuk, International Service Director Paul Allen, Youth Service Director Geoff Wood, Vocational Service Director Chris White, Club Service Director Nadim Joukhadar, and Community Service Director Peter Mead,

The major event of the year was the 60th Birthday celebrations held at the Penrith RSL Club which was an enjoyable event, which everyone will remember for a long time to come. Past President Geoff Wood organised a special evening of history & reminiscing with help from Club Members. All who attended left with many feel good feelings.

This was the first year for ten years that fundraising monies were not directed to Hope Cottage and the Club was able to look to the local community to assist them. Large and small projects were assessed with some funding being directed to needy people.

President Janet's wish for the year was to increase the Youth Budget to allow more participation in Rotary Youth projects. With the assistance of Geoff Wood the Club was able to find participants for many of our Youth projects. Young people were participants in RYPEN, RYLA, MUNA, NYSF and Adventure into Citizenship projects.

The Club changed its meeting venue from the Rowing Club to Penrith RSL and proved to be favourable to everyone.

Brian Corlis can be commended for his monthly Club news items in the Western Weekender newspaper. This has been the first year this has been published and many positive comments from members of the public as well as other Clubs.

Thanks goes to Victor & Cathy Glanville for hosting our Christmas party last year at their home. An evening of fellowship and fun was enjoyed by all who attended, with some great food eaten. An interesting tour of his wine cellar proved to be a highlight of the night.

Our Annual Christmas Stocking was run and won again last year at the Plaza raising \$5000. Special thanks go to the ladies of Penrith Inner Wheel and Club Members Charles Oxenham & Ben Feszczuk. As Westfield's is the new owner of the Plaza, we look forward to working well together again this year. It is proving harder to obtain the charity dollar from the general public, but the Stocking is also a way of getting Rotary out into the general community.

In May our Club hosted the combined Services Dinner for all the Service Clubs in our area. Barry Cook did a sterling job of organizing a well attended evening. Even though there was a hiccup with speaker, our replacement was a huge success. Everyone who attended thanked us for an enjoyable evening.

Our Club hosted an Exchange student, Carly Arace, from USA. A challenging but mostly enjoyable time was had by our Host parents of Chris & Vicki, Paul & Monika and Nadim & Wendy. Thanks for opening your homes to Carly.

We also sponsored a Group Study Exchange participant in Richard Easton, a labour recruitment officer. The GSE team trip to Thailand was an eye opener on how other people live and work in the poorer parts of that country. They also found that Rotary has a huge presence in that country with many successful aid projects.

Again we catered and participated in the Relay for Life event at Penrith's Howell Oval. Our BBQ caravan was well patronized by the participants and organisers. Charles Oxenham was our Club's representative in the organizing and logistics of the event, a job well done. A huge vote of thanks goes to Chris & Vicki and Victor for organizing the food and BBQ Caravan set up, allowing this year to be the most successful ever. Thanks everyone who helped out.

Paul Allen again ran the Club's Golf Day. The weather was good and the players had a fun day. Some much needed funds were raised for the Club and again Paul made the day a success with some help from Nadim.

A friend of Penrith Rotary, Ross Berkery of Caprice Floats, who helped out with the BBQ caravan restoration, offered the Club a Box Trailer to raffle to raise money for the Spastic Centre in Penrith. Community Director Peter Mead made this raffle a success, with help from Bunnings Penrith and our Club members, with almost \$2000- raised for the Spastic Centre.

President Janet supervised another successful year for the Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal. Our Club's drivers and students on the day managed to raise \$3956. Thanks to all who gave up their Sunday for the Salvos.

Alan Hind & Albert Blatch organised an interesting Bus Trip to the Artillery Workshops at North Head. We enjoyed great fellowship and heard some interesting facts and saw weapons from our Country's history. Thanks Alan & Albert, we are looking forward to the next excursion.

Membership of the club increased by three. Past President John Scott returned to the Club after a short absence, welcome back. Gary Rossetto & Jenny Wood were also inducted into the Club.

Our Club would not be able to function if Treasurer Ben Feszczuk was not so capable with financial matters. We rely on Ben a great deal to keep us informed of our finances and attendance. We are truly grateful for your continued, sometimes challenging work as our Treasurer.

With an accountancy trained background, Janet was in a sign-making business with husband Brett when she joined Rotary. An active member of the Chamber of Commerce and Mother's and School groups Janet was our first ever lady President. P.P. Janet spent many years at the Rotary Club of Penrith and made many lifelong friends while learning a considerable amount about how to make a difference in the local community. P.P. Janet was the Secretary for many years and attaining the position of President.

After leaving the club her life has been family orientated. She has continued assisting in their Sign Making business in both the manufacture and administration. With her experience of being a President of Penrith Rotary P.P. Janet has held many Community organisation Committee positions. This has proved to be very fulfilling and has allowed her to continue her input into many Community activities. Positions held include those of President of School P & C, Treasurer of a Mothers Group and Secretary for two local Scout Groups. Currently P.P Janet has the task of organising many Bunnings and other BBQ's for her Scout Group.

62 2006-2007 PRESIDENT NADIM JOUKHADAR



2006-2007
Nadim Joukhadar H

The office bearers for the year were:- President Nadim, IPP Janet Cottee, VP and Club Service Director Willy Piepers, Secretary Barry Cook, Treasurer Ben Feszczuk, Community Services Director Victor Glanville, International Director Charles Glanville, Vocational Director Paul Allen, Youth Services Director Geoff Wood and Information Director Alan Hind.

The year started off on the run when our club partnered Penrith City Council in the resurrection of the Rotary Mayoral Ball. The event generated Revenue of \$57,440 and we were able to donate \$25,400 to the Downs Association of NSW. It was a wonderful evening and we had a great result. Unfortunately we couldn't maintain the Council's interest in making it an annual event which disappointed President Nadim and former Mayor, Councillor John Thain.

During the year there were many transfer meetings. President Nadim felt it was important to get out and about and mix with the other rotary organisations close to us. Some of the highlights included attending the Rotoract Change over Dinner at Glenbrook, the GSE dinner with Lower Blue Mountains, and the Police Officer of the Year at Penrith Valley meeting. Unfortunately with so many Transfer meetings our dinner revenue was affected.

The other major event was our Charity Golf Day named in honour of P.P Jim Scott. The event surpassed previous years results and the Grace Centre for Newborn Care benefited to the tune of \$10,000. Special thanks to PP Paul Allen who the event could not be held without, and to the other members who volunteered their time for the event.

The Board made the decision during the year to change the presentation of the Christmas Raffle from the old Stocking to a trailer. With the assistance of the Ladies at the Penrith Inner Wheel club this change allowed us to have a successful Christmas Raffle resulting in the sharing of over \$12,000. The Club tried an Easter Raffle but it was not the success President Nadim had hoped but still allowed the Club to donate \$2,000 to the Spastic Centre and \$2,000 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Again it was the Ladies from Inner Wheel that made this possible.

Vocational Director Paul Allen, with Ben Feszczuk, combined with the Rotary Clubs of Nepean and Penrith Valley to initiate the Police Officer of the Year (POOTY) night. Thanks to Ben Feszczuk's efforts this event has become premier event on the calendar for the Penrith based Rotary Clubs and the Penrith Community.

Attracting new members is still one of the greatest difficulties for service clubs. In spite of this we were able to induct three new members, We welcome Mark Attard, Carmen Loughnan and Keith Fulker to our club.

We also maintained our involvement during the year at The Relay for Life and the Red Shield Appeal. And the ever energetic John Graham looked after the Bowel Scan program.

International Director, Charles Glanville, organised our involvement in the GSE program where we hosted a Team from South Carolina, including the hosting of two of the members.

Youth Director Geoff, coordinated our involvement in R.Y.P.E.N where we sponsored four students, R.Y.L.A where we sponsored two outstanding young ladies. The club provided a cheque for \$200 to Ben Harris a local young Chess Champion, for him to attend an international event in Turkey.

Our club contributed to prizes at Winmalee High School and for the First time ever, we sponsored a candidate, Rebecca Abend, to attend the National Engineering and Science School (NESS).

President Nadim set a hectic pace for the Club, with every member responding with passion and enthusiasm. For the first time in the Club's history, Income broke the \$100,000 barrier, without including the Mayoral Ball which would have made it in excess of \$ 150,000.

Club donations to local and international causes were in excess of \$60,000 for the year.

P.P. Nadim was born in Damascus, Syria coming to Australia as a four year old. Educated at Mount Druitt High School and Blue Mountains Grammar, he went on to complete a Commerce Degree at ANU in Canberra. Having held positions as an accountant in the service and manufacturing Industries, He consulted to the NSW Government before meeting PP Geoff Wood and going into Public Practice where he currently works after 24 years.

A sabbatical from Public Practice saw him move to the Mid-North Coast becoming a publican. He returned to Penrith in 2001 after being a Councillor at Kempsey Shire Council, reuniting with PP Geoff who also introduced PP Nadim to Rotary in 2003. He has held the Club Public Relations role for the past 4 years.

63 2007-2008 PRESIDENT WILLY PIEPERS



2007-2008
Willy Piepers H

In Willy's own words; "Every successful organization needs a good dedicated board of directors. The office bearers for the year were:- President Will, IPP Nadim Joukhadar, VP & Club Service Director Victor Glanville, Secretary Janet Cottee, Treasurer Ben Feszczuk, Community Service Director George Maroun, International Service Director Paul Allen, Vocational Service Director Trevor Hall, youth Service Director Geoff Wood and Information Director Albert Blatch

Community service director George Maroun managed to obtain numerous BBO's and had no difficulty in having all club members eager to participate. A job well done by George and all members for their involvement.

Our Secretary, Janet Cotee has again been outstanding in keeping the club running efficiently. Janet as she has done for many years again supervised a very successful year for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal, thank you to all who participated.

Ben Feszczuk has been our treasurer for many years and has managed our financial affairs with great expertise. Thank you Ben for attending to our attendance records and presenting the board with excellent financial information.

Thanks to Nadim Joukhadar and his family who not only hosted our Christmas party (whilst Wendy was in hospital), Nadim also organised and MC'd the Trivia night to raise funds for our RAM's project.

A special thank you goes to Sergeant Charles Oxenham for the way he conducted his very successful fine sessions. Charles was both entertaining and effective making sure members paid their fair share of contributions to the clubs funds. Charles was also our treasurer at our numerous BBO's.

Ben Feszczuk has for the second year been the main organizer of the POOTY meeting, 220 people attended, a donation of \$5,000 was made to PCYC and another small surplus was made which has been added to the POOTY bank account for next years function. Thanks to all members from the Rotary Clubs of Nepean, Penrith and Penrith Valley for participating in organizing the POOTY function and attending this ever more successful Police Officer of the Year award.

Youth Director Geoff Wood again ensured that our club participated in many youth programs including, RYLA National Youth Science Forum etc. This year through the efforts of Geoff, we together with eight other Rotary Clubs will be making a donation of \$9,000 to the RAM (Rotary Against Malaria) program. We will also be seeking a matching grant. A fabulous way of saving many lives. Well done Geoff.

We have, as in past years, run a very successful Christmas Stocking Raffle. Our total proceeds amounted to \$14,261. This yearly function could not be held without the support of the ladies from the Penrith Inner Wheel Club. Thank you ladies for your efforts.

President Will was very pleased to report that during his year he inducted three new members, John Simpson, Ross Newell and Marianne Bowler. Welcome to these new members. Our survival depends on new members. As Janet reports one of our long standing members Peter Mead has transferred to the Rotary Club of Salamander Bay. We wish Peter every success in the future.

During the year we received a major donation of \$270,000 from the Estate of the late Clarice Grace Lawson. We have been advised that further funds will be donated from both this Estate and from the Estate of the Late Edward Lawson. Estimated further funds of \$250,000.

The Board has agreed that these monies will be invested until all of these donations are received and then a decision will be made on allocating these donations to a major project.

We were extremely pleased to sponsor the formation of the new Probes Club of South Penrith.

PP Willy joined the club in July 1986 with the classification of Accounting, Auditing. Willy qualified as a chartered accountant in July 1966. Willy started his accounting career with former PP of the club Reginald Joseph Green in March 1963. Transferred to Price Waterhouse in June 1975 and was partner for 17 years (July 1980 to June 1997). He then merged the existing Penrith practice of Price Waterhouse with Peter Berger to establish the firm of Berger Piepers from 1997 to date.

Willy has held most Board positions over the years including Secretary, Treasurer, Club Service, International, Rotary Foundation and President (Twice – see 2012-2013)

When the three Penrith Clubs built Hope Cottage, PP Willy represented our club as Treasurer of the Cottage Trust from its incorporation in March 1998 to date.

64 2008-2009 PRESIDENT VICTOR GLANVILLE



2008-2009
Victor Glanville H

Another Productive year for the club with Office bearers;- President Victor Glanville, IPP Willy Piepers, VP & Club Service Director George Maroun, Secretaries Vicki White & Barry Cook, Treasurer Ben Feszczuk, Community Service Director Ross Newell, International Service Director Charles Glanville, Vocational Service Director Trevor Hall, Youth Service Director Jenny Wood and Information director Albert Blatch.

The year was characterized as exciting and busy with a great deal of Club fellowship and participation by all members. A record year for our Christmas Raffle, Income from BBQ's was such that the year was dubbed the "Year of the Sausage Sizzle" by PP Barry Cook and donations to the community and international programs of over \$54,000.

Ben Feszczuk, for the third year, has been the main organizer of the POOTY Evening, 250 people attended, and a donation of \$5,000 was made to PCYC and another small surplus was made which has been added to the POOTY bank account for next years function. Ben Feszczuk Also helped organize a very successful Rotary Mental Health Forum in our community.

During the year Penrith City hosted the Ulysses Motor Cycle Club where our club, with our Catering Van, provided breakfast for thousands of attendees. BBQ's were also held for Nordoff Robbins, The Cancer Council's Relay for Life, 4 Wheel Drive Motor Club, Wesley out of home care, Westrac and the World Youth day, attended by the Pope.

Youth Director Jenny Wood was busy sending 4 young people to RYLA, 3 to RYPEN while International Director Charles Glanville managed our first Exchange Student for a number of years who we shared duties with Penrith Valley Rotary Club. Thanks to John Simpson and his wife Helen for hosting Florian Lichten from Switzerland.

We have, as in past years, run a very successful Christmas Stocking Raffle. Our total proceeds amounted to \$17850. a record for the club. This yearly function could not be held without the support of the ladies from the Penrith Inner Wheel Club. Thank you ladies for your efforts last year. We also again supported through our catering/BBQ expertise the Cancer Council Relay for Life with a donation of \$4500.00. Also this year we supported the Victorian Bushfire Appeal with a donation of \$5200.00. We have made some more donations this year to Kurrambee Special school Werrington \$5000.00. Penrith Community Kitchen with a Commercial Refrigeration unit and a Donation of \$4000.00. Dr Chowdhary/Dr Chandra Eye Surgery Project in India \$5000.00

The Club inducted two new members, Tess Hall and Dot Harland. But sadly fare welled PP Janet Cottee who left to join her husband Brett in the Rotary Club of Wollondilly North.

The club, still holding the donation received from the estate of the late Clarice Grace Lawson, has begun negotiations with Western Area Health to possibly do some extensions to Hope Cottage.

Born in Parramatta, he attended Holy Family Granville, Patrician Brothers Granville and Oakhill College to year 10. PP Vic held various roles at Woolworths over a period of 15 years. He formed his own business in 1984 doing cleaning and property maintenance.

PP Vic acquired his taxi licence in 1988 and purchased his first taxi in 1989 which was specially designed for disabled clients. This expanded to two and for the past 10 years Vic's Maxi Transport was established catering to a variety of customers.

PP Vic was introduced to Rotary in 2005 by his brother PP Charles. Outside of Rotary PP Vic is on various community committees including Nepean Community Transport, Hawkesbury/Penrith Respite Services, Penrith Disability Resource Centre and Western Sydney Transport Services.

65 2009-2010 PRESIDENT GEORGE MAROUN



2009-2010
George Maroun H

The Rotary Club of Penrith has had an outstanding year with special acknowledgements to the board of directors – President George Maroun, VP & Club Service Director Keith Willoughby, Treasurer Ben Feszczuk, Secretary Trevor Hall, Community Service Director Keith Fulker, Vocational Director Barry Cook, International Service Director Alan Hind, Youth Director Jenny Wood, Information Director Albert Blatch and IPP Victor Glanville.

This support has been overwhelming at times, especially when our fellows, their families and friends were all called upon to help out in our fund raising activities at Bunning's BBQ's, the Christmas raffle, Relay for Life, the Penrith City Festival, Rock at the weir concert and the Nepean Valley Fun Run festival.

The Christmas raffle was well supported by the ladies from the Penrith Inner Wheel club, and our club members, without their time and assistance, the raffle would not have been as successful, revenue raised was down on the previous year. Thanks to the efforts of Ben Feszczuk who arranged with the Plaza a better location to conduct the raffle, this certainly made a difference with sales. The proceeds raised of \$14,742.35 were distributed to various charities. PP Albert Blatch again arranged with Caprice Floats and Trailers (Ross Berkery) to build a trailer which was donated as part of the prize to the winner of the Christmas raffle. On behalf of Caprice trailers the Rotary Club of Penrith made a donation of \$750 to the spastic centre and \$750 to muscle dystrophy association.

The Rotary Club of Penrith greatly appreciates Keith Willoughby's outstanding efforts in renovating the Rotary Caravan. This work has made the caravan our most valuable asset when serving the community and makes working in it so much easier. Without these renovations charitable donations to the community will be restricted. A special mention goes to Barry Cook, and Chris White who have also made renovations to the caravan in the past. Barry Cook, Albert Blatch' and John Graham have made sure the caravan is always in good working order.

President George made special mention of Charles Oxenham who even after his hip operation is still one of the first to give his time to assist at the BBQ's all day. Throughout the year the Rotary caravan was put to very good use raising funds to help make a difference in our community. SIX major events have been conducted this year. Nordoff Robbins supporting musical therapy for people with disabilities, Relay for Life supporting the cancer council. Another major event was the BBQ for NAIDOC supporting the national aboriginal and islander day Thanks to Penrith City Council for the opportunity and our fine team of dedicated Rotarians in Albert Blatch, Barry Cook, John Graham, Brian and Jeanette Corlis, Ross Newell, Keith Fulker. There was also the Rock at the weir concert, the Nepean Valley Fun run carnival, and the Penrith City festival, these were all made possible thanks to Ben Feszczuk, who arranged them through his contacts at Penrith City Council and local community groups.

Community Services director Keith Fulker was kept very busy organizing and catering for all the BBQ's and events, Keith worked very hard to raise funds for our club and the community, his contribution to the club and charity has been outstanding. Thank you also to our members who gave their time and support in helping raise over \$60,000 to give to the various charities.

The Club thanks Barry Cook, Albert Blatch and John Graham for organizing our Christmas breakfast at Tench Reserve, Mark Attard again organised the proceedings for our Rotary club at the Red Shield appeal. 14 members were involved supervising collectors.

Nadim and Wendy Joukhadar have hosted Rotary's Christmas party at their home for the last two years, the evening was great with happy fellowship to be had by all, the club is so grateful to Wendy and Nadim and his family for welcoming us into their Home.

Charles Glanville was honoured by Rotary International with a merit award for his service to Rotary and all his efforts with the Hope Cottage project, Charles has submitted plans to council for an extension which will commence in the very near future.

John Graham continued to look after the Bowel scan project, his dedication and support to help saving lives in the community is to be commended. Paul Allen has done an excellent job organizing the Rotary Club of Penrith golf day, funds raised amounted to \$4,184 including \$2,425 tipped in by the AMP Foundation, and donated to the Luke Priddis foundation.

The Rotary Club of Penrith and the community are grateful that Ben Feszczuk is able to find time to organize POOTY which is another one of the clubs major events, this is also an extremely challenging and time consuming role to manage. Ben was supported by Willy Piepers, Barry Cook and Trevor Hall. On behalf of the Rotary Club of Penrith thank you for all your efforts in helping our Police Force get some recognition for their services rendered to the community, \$5,000 was donated to PCYC.

The Rotary Club of Penrith is honoured that PP Geoff Wood is again on the district chair for Vocational Service.

Alan Hind our International services director has organised a RAWC"S project in the Philippines with the support of our new member Dr Grace Maano a new Rotarian to our club.

PP George Maroun was born at Paddington Women's hospital in 1951. He went to a number of schools which are St Pius of Enmore, De La Salle Marrickville and Patrician Brothers at Liverpool.

He obtained his Electrical Fitter Mechanics Licence from Liverpool Tech and has a Diploma of Financial Planning from Deakin University. PP George ran his own Financial Planning Practice and has worked in the industry for over 30 years. Loves family life, played Rugby League, abseiling, camping and bush walking.

66 2010-2011 PRESIDENT KEITH WILLOUGHBY



Keith Willoughby H

As a club we had another successful year in fund raising and this can only be achieved with the support of the club members who find the time to attend events and especially the BBQ's at Bunnings.

The office bearers were:- President Keith Willoughby, VP and Club Service Director Ross Newell, Secretary John Simpson, Treasurer Ben Feszczuk, Community Service Director Barry Cook, International Service Director Tess Hall, Vocational Service Director Alan Hind, Youth Service Director Jenny Wood, Rotary Foundation Director Willy Piepers, Information Director Geoff Wood and Public Relations Director John Hickmott

President Keith was especially grateful for the assistance provided by family members and friends of Rotarians who have helped out at Relay for Live and BBQ's at Bunnings.

Also special thanks to the Ladies of Inner Wheel for without their continued support to our club in selling raffle tickets at Christmas during the day, the Stocking would not be the success it is. Proceeds raised were slightly down on the previous year. A total of \$12,748.00 was shared with Inner Wheel. A thank you to Caprice Trailers Kingwood for there donation of the trailer for the Christmas raffle.

Community Services Director Barry Cook organised the BBQ's at Bunnings as well as the Police BBQ

During the year the Club investigated establishing a Men's Shed. Unfortunately we could not find any appropriate land or government funding at the time, a decision was made not to proceed.

In conjunction with the Penrith RSL we were involved in the Christmas Tree of Joy. 110 gifts were received and then distributed to the needy. As a result.

PP Charles Oxenham displayed commitment over and above with his continuous support at BBQ's only missing the BBQ's to have his hip surgery.

Youth Director Jenny Wood ensured our continuing support with youth projects like RYPEN, RYLA and RYDA.

During the year it was discovered that PP Geoff Wood was a magician who started doing magic routines at Rotary Picnic Days and Rotary Pantomime's.

Our newest member, Dr Grace Maano was given the job of Bulletin editor within the first couple of weeks of her induction into our Rotary Club. Grace put a lot of time, thought and research to find content for the club bulletin to make it interesting to read. Dr. Grace was involved in RAWCS Overseas Aid Program volunteering her services in the Philippines together with a small group of Doctors including Dr. Amabel Harding and her husband John, operating out at remote villages.

PP John Scott opened his home for our Rotary Christmas Party, where members all had a great time and the Club appreciated the hospitality.

This year the Club inducted 7 new members; George Newman, Ian Christie, Fiona Scott, Amabel and John Harding, Andrew Kurczewski and Ellen Brabin. These members have added a new energy and drive to the Club.

During the year the club donated to various charities an amount of \$37,592.41 slightly down on last year, Funding programs amounted to \$5,531.65.

Finally the extension of Hope Cottage started last month and should be completed by the end of the year. Thanks to PP Charles Glanville.

PP Keith was born in Jamaica British West Indies to English background parents. Moved to Australia in 1947. Attended Bankstown Convent School, then moved to Kogarah where he attended Kogarah Convent School, and then moving to St Mary's where he finished primary school at St Mary's Convent. He attended Blacktown Brothers for a short period before attending St Dominic's College, His last year was St Mary's High School where he left at 15 & half. PP Keith's father who was a Design Engineer at W.E. Cuckson & son at St Marys arranged an Apprenticeship as a Fitter & Machinist ,Toolmaker where he spent 13yrs .

From there he went into business with a partner working from home at Londonderry making Bra Clips & Under wires for the Bra trade , with in a couple of years they built a factory at Emu Plains where they operated for 13 years before PP Keith sold his share to his partner . In 1986 PP Keith built Riverlands Garden Centre in South Windsor , In between he tendered & won the Tender to operate the in-house Shop at John Moroney Correctional Centre supplying their day to day items. After 2 yrs Keith had to give notice to leave after having his life threatened by inmates .

PP Keith joined Penrith Rotary Club at the invitation of John Costa 25 years earlier. In 1996 , He acquired a License from EPA & Windsor Council to operate a Waste Facility at South Windsor where it operated to 2013 .

67 2011-2012 PRESIDENT ROSS NEWELL



Ross Newell H

The Board Members for the year were;- President Ross Newell, VP, Club Service and Foundation Director Willy Piepers, Secretary Barry Cook, Treasurer Ben Feszczuk, Community Service Director Victor Glanville, International Director Tess Hall, Vocational Information and Public Relations Director John Hickmott New Generation (Youth) Director John Harding and IPP Keith Willoughby

Penrith Rotary Club had another successful year in its fund raising efforts, thanks to Community Service Director Vic Glanville who expertly managed the Relay for Life and Bunnings BBQs, raising \$26,509 to give to various charities.

The Christmas raffle was again well supported by the ladies from the Penrith Inner Wheel Club and our club members. Without their time and support the raffle would not have been a success. Proceeds raised were significantly down compared to previous years due to the positioning of the ticket sellers within the shopping complex. The proceeds raised were \$7,779:55. This was distributed to various charities.

Thanks to Mark Attard (who resigned during the year due to work commitments) for his organization of the local Red Shield Appeal and his helpers Liz and Alan Hind. It was a shame it was on the same time as the Relay for Life otherwise more members would have been able to help out.

New Generations Director John Harding (who is relatively new to our club) did a great job with the organization of the youth projects RYDA, RYLA and RYPEN. This year we were fortunate to have 2 students from Glenmore Park High School go to RYPEN. Congratulations on working with Glenmore Park Public School and getting the club involved. It is good to see our members supporting the RYDA program.

PP Tess Hall continued looking after the RAWCS projects that were started by our former member Dr Grace Maano (who is now a Rotary E-Club member working as a doctor on a cruise ship in the Bahamas).

Our major project, which was started several years ago, has now been finalized and handed over to the Health Department. This was the additional 5 rooms plus storage facilities which have been added to Hope Cottage in Nepean Hospital grounds. The Club was thankful to Charles Glanville, Trevor Hall and Willy Piepers for their commitment to the project. It took a while to complete, but a job well done and congratulations to all those connected with the project. Congratulations must also go to all club members on this fantastic achievement.

Thank you to Barry Cook for taking over the role as Secretary (on short notice) and looking after the administration side of the club when Dot Harland resigned for health reasons. Your help has been exceptional.

Treasurer Ben again put together the Police Officer of the Year (POOTY), held this year at Penrith RSL. This is another one of the clubs major events and on behalf of the Rotary Club of Penrith thank you for all your efforts in helping our Police Force get some recognition for their services to the community. This year, from the proceeds, \$5,000 was donated to Penrith PCYC and \$5,000 to the David Rixon Memorial Fund.

We had 2 vocational outings during the year. The first one, which was organised by Barry Cook, was to Custom Coaches to see how buses are built from scratch. The second one, which was organised by Ben Feszczuk, was to the Police Air Wing. This is where several of our members crawled in and out of the helicopters. Thank you to these members for organizing those trips. They were exceptional and well worth the trip.

Unfortunately our membership decreased from 40 to 32 this year. This was due to the financial crisis and members moving away. Those that moved away were: John Simpson – Bright (Vic), Grace Maano - Qld then onto a cruise ship around the Bahamas, Marianne Bowler – Windeyer (NSW). We will miss all those that left us; some of them still help out on the BBOs occasionally.

The main funding project amounted to \$629,726:09 (Hope Cottage). The club donated to various charities an amount of \$28,941 :34.

PP Ross was born in Ashfield and attended Croydon Park Public School before moving to Penrith. PP Ross started his working life as a trainee technician with Telecom in 1969 where he worked until 1999. Since then PP Ross has been driving Buses with PP Victor who introduced him to Rotary in 2007.

PP Ross and his wife, Gayle, have been Foster Carers for the past 17 years, looking after children for durations that have varied from a couple of weeks to a couple of years.



Willy Piepers HH

President Will graciously accepted the Presidency for a second time.

He was ably assisted by;-VP and Club Service Director Tess Hall, Secretary George Newman, Treasurer Ben Feszczuk, Community Service Director Victor Glanville, International Service Director, Alan Hind, New Generation Director John Harding, Public Relations Director Nadim Joukhadar, Foundation Director Keith Willoughby, Information Director John Hickmott, Vocational Service Director Barry Cook and IPP Ross Newell.

Every successful organization only survives by having a good dedicated board of directors and the participation by all club members. President Will appreciated the efforts of his board members and all club members for their support in ensuring his second term as President was both enjoyable and successful.

Donations of \$36,850 were made during the year.

Community Service Director Victor Glanville did a tremendous job in supervising our fund raising activities including numerous BBQ's, Relay for Life, etc.

Ben Feszczuk who has been our treasurer for many years and as stated by every previous president, Ben has managed our financial affairs with great expertise. Ben also takes on attendance records and presents the board with timely and excellent financial information. Ben, has for the seventh year, been the main organizer of the POOTY meeting, 193 people attended, a donation of \$5,000 was made to PCYC and another small surplus was made which has been added to the POOTY bank account for next year's function. It was another great effort by all members from the Rotary Clubs of Nepean, Penrith and Penrith Valley for participating in the organization of the POOTY function and attending this ever more successful Police Officer of the Year award.

John Harding our Director New Generations has again ensured our Club was involved in many Youth Programs including RYDA, RYPEN and Summer Science School.

Our Christmas Stocking has produced one of the best results in many years. A net profit of \$13,342.40 was made from this event. Mention must be made of our organizing committee of Barry Cook, Charles Oxenham and Victor Glanville. Also a special thank you to the ladies of Nepean Inner Wheel Penrith, without whose support this Project would not be possible.

Thanks to Keith Willoughby for organizing major repairs to our BBQ Caravan. We added to our assets with a new trailer for the transport of BBQ equipment and supplies. Thank you to Barry Cook and Keith Willoughby for organizing this project.

PP Willy Piepers personal information was provided at the end of his first term as president for the 2007-2008 year

69 2013-2014 PRESIDENT TERESITA (TESS) HALL



Tess Hall H

A special year on many fronts was the gift our members gave President Tess, our second ever female President.

President Tess was assisted during the year by;-VP & Club Service Director John Harding, Secretary George Newman, Treasurer Ben Feszczuk, Community Service Director Keith Fulker, International Service and Foundation Director Dr. Roger McMaster Fay, Membership Director Alan Hind, Public Relations Director Nadim Joukhadar, Rotary Information Director Albert Blatch, Vocational Service Director Keith Willoughby, Youth Directors John Hickmott and John Harding and IPP Willy Piepers.

Rotary Districts 9680 and 9690 were merged to form District 9685 and it was the year of the International Convention in Homebush Sydney.

President Tess' first duty at the Change over dinner was inducting PP John Costa, a returning Rotarian rejoining our Club. Another former Rotarian that we inducted back during the year was PP Peter Mead. Peter is a great asset to the Club who is always ready to do service work.

However, with a sad twist of events we had to farewell two of our loved honorary members, Max Lumley and Warren Pinfold who passed away within almost a week after each other.

Our Club celebrated with Ben Feszczuk his retirement from the Police Force held in a standing room only Evans Theatre at Panthers. There was also a civic reception at the Penrith Council. Now, when Ben is away he's gone fishing.

With John Costa in the Club and wife Gina determined to alleviate the suffering of cancer patients while on treatment at the Cancer Care Centre at the Nepean Hospital, we worked with their family in our first fundraising exercise. It raised \$2,644.10 that went toward an equipment in the centre.

The formation of the new District 9685 that covers a very wide area geographically of which around 80 clubs belong introduced us to a wider Rotary family. District Governor Graeme Davies and wife Lyn and the district team have been very helpful and generous with their time. Les Walsh, District Communications Director was always within reach with prompt answers and solutions. Changes have been introduced. Clubs were grouped into Zones.

Our new district emphasized understanding The Rotary Foundation - how our club can benefit and what we can do to support it. Well our Club stands to receive a district grant of \$4,500 for our main fundraising project which is for the benefit of the Nepean Medical Research Foundation. Thanks to the efforts of Roger Mc-Master Fay.

Roger had a burning desire to get to the top people of the Polio Eradication program when the news of some Pakistani health officers supposed to carry out the Polio vaccinations were killed. Our Club was behind him on this and eventually we had Rob Byrne, the district Polio Eradication Sub-Committee Chairman as guest speaker in our meeting. He clarified the situation and gave us a clear picture of the progress of the project and the measures being introduced regarding the security of the health officers.

During Willy Piepers term our Club thought of embarking on a different fundraising activity. Different options were considered and what came into fruition was a collaborative undertaking with the Nepean Medical Research Foundation. Thank you for the hard work of Gwen Mc-Master Fay, Deanna and Gai and our members Ben Feszczuk, Wil Piepers, John Hickmott, Roger McMaster Fay and Alan Hind. The Valentine's Day function was a formal affair to farewell NSW Governor Prof Marie Bashir. It was attended by our members and Rotarians from Nepean club. DG Graeme Davies and Lyn were among our special guests. With the district grant, the donation to the Foundation will be \$ 20,211.32 that will go towards a purchase of a Nanodrop Spectrophotometer and funds for some research.

The Christmas trailer filled with household items, toys, gift vouchers, etc. that we setup at Westfield Penrith Plaza was the prize for our traditional Christmas raffle. The roster of people selling tickets was shared by the Penrith Inner Wheel and our Club. The proceeds are also shared. Thanks to Ben for liaising with the management and we got better location. Thanks for Barry, Albert, Keith and all the members, wives and friends that help.

Relay for Life brought some camaraderie and fellowship to most of the club members and families and friends. Thank you to Charlie Oxenham, Keith Willoughby, Marilyn Willoughby, Keith Fulker, Ben F, Victor, John Costa and everyone else for all the hard work.

Red Shield Door Knock Appeal comes every year and we thank Mark Attard and wife Catherine Attard once again for organizing with the schools, children and other helpers. Mark you have to rejoin us and take along Catherine too.

Police Officer of the Year (POOTY) Awards Dinner - was another successful event held at Panthers, largely thanks to the tireless efforts of Ben Feszczuk who spearheaded the event many years ago.

Our Christmas party was held at Panthers and thanks also to our naughty Santa, calling Roger. Len Satara commented that it was the best Christmas Party ever!!! Everyone had a ball! (Christmas ball?) And thanks to Roger and Gwen for opening up their beautiful home to our lot for our Christmas breakfast.

A breakdown of all the donations to various charities that we helped giving a total of \$53,731.55. A forthcoming District grant of \$3,250 will still be added to this.

With the generosity of Phil Isaacs of North Ryde Rotary Club we were able to provide 10 computers to Kingswood Park Public School and another 10 computers to Braddock Primary School. Phil Isaacs worked with the Hills College TAFE's teachers and students. Phil paid for the computers and software, TAFE teachers and students put together the computers, delivered and installed them at the schools for nothing.

Dr Amabel Harding worked diligently preparing all the necessary paperwork and follow ups for our Haiyan project.. Amabel is successful in securing a RAWCS number for the project of which she will be the project manager towards assisting people of the Philippines.

PP Tess was born in Manila, Philippines with six siblings. She had a Catholic primary and secondary schooling at the University of Santo Tomas which was founded in 1611 making it the oldest University in the Philippines. PP Tess qualified to enrol at the elite University of the Philippines where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. PP Tess was recruited to work as a consulting structural engineer in a company owned by some of my university professors where most of our projects were hotels and office buildings.

In 1981 I migrated to Australia and continued a graduate course in Structural Engineering at the University of Sydney. Her first and still present employment as a consulting structural engineer here is at Kneebone Beretta and Hall where she met husband PP Trevor Hall. Trevor introduced PP Tess to Rotary where PP Tess has a great affinity with its ideals and is thankful that through Rotary she can help the less fortunate and the youth.

70 2014-2015 PRESIDENT JOHN HARDING



John Harding

The Board Members for the year were:- President John Harding, IPP Tess Hall, VP John Costa, Secretary Trevor Hall, Treasurer Ben Feszczuk, Membership Directors Alan Hind and Dr. Amabel Harding, International Service and Foundation Director Dr. Roger McMaster-Fay, Vocational Director Keith Willoughby, Information Director Albert Blatch, Youth Director Wendy Jackson and Public Relations Director Nadim Joukhadar

During the year President John underwent hip surgery with John Costa and George Maroun ably filling in for him. The Club has had another successful year in its fund raising and a big thank you must go to members, spouses, and friends.

The Christmas raffle was well supported by the ladies of the Inner Wheel without their time and support during the week days the raffle would not be a success. Due to the position in the Plaza the proceeds were down on previous years.

Special mention for Keith Willoughby for organizing the rosters for the Relay for life, Keith Fulker for making sure we had enough food and drinks to sell, Victor Granville for making sure the caravan was in place, Charlie Oxenham for making sure the generators, bread and people signed on and off at the right time.

The club again partnered Penrith RSL Club for the Christmas Tree of Joy with PP Barry Cook again coordinating as well as going and collecting the gifts and making sure they were delivered on time.

For the first time the Club tried a system where we had four Sergeants, who all performed very well and fleeced the members of their well earned.

Ben Feszczuk our Treasurer extraordinaire kept our finances and member attendance records up to date, as well as the POOTY dinner.

The club tried a different fundraising event, holding a bush dance at Vicary's Winery which netted the club over \$6,000.

It being the 100th Anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli, we were involved with a local project, where Woodriff gardens was turned into Poppy Park. Other events during the year included the Penrith Festival, the Relay for life and the many Bunnings BBQs.

President John was born at Maidstone Kent England in 1950 The house he was born in is still standing. He went to local schools up until I was 16 years old, then was indentured to the local paper mill where he spent 4 years and succeeded passing The City and Guilds of London Certificate in Paper making. At 23 he decided to try his luck in Australia and asked for a transfer, spending time at the glass works then changed track and became a printer spending 20 years doing this. At present John is a part time Medical Practice Manager. PP John joined Rotary to give back to the community and to make it easier for him and his wife to participate in Medical missions internationally.

APPENDIX 1.

PRESIDENTS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PENRITH

1945-1946 + Oscar Fletcher	1946-1947 + Rex Griffin + Frank Allen
1947-1948 + Frank Allen	1948-1949 + Lisle (pop) Spence
1949-1950 + Eric Keech	1950-1951 + Nick Kepriotis
1951-1952 + John Knox PHF	1952-1953 + John Cram
1953-1954 + Allan Hodgson	1954-1955 + Roy Handley
1955-1956 + Mac McArthur	1956-1957 + Harry Uren
1957-1958 + Mavon May	1958-1959 + Mac Carruthers
1959-1960 + John Empson	1960-1961 + Alex Taylor PHF
1961-1962 + Bruce Neale PHF	1962-1963 + Warren Pinfold PHF
1963-1964 * Reg Green	1964-1965 + Brian Lamrock PHF
1965-1966 * Jack Thumm	1966-1967 + Doug Watson PHF
1967 -1968 * Arthur Bennett	1968-1969 + Alex Taylor PHF
1969-1970 + Len Lord	1970-1971 * John Roach
1971-1972 + Jim Scott PHF	1972-1973 + Hec Ross
1973-1974 + Laurie Alcorn	1974-1975 + Ralph Rylance
1975-1976 Ivor Speirs PHF	1976-1977 + Alf Preskett PHF
1977-1978 * Peter Green & Trevor Hitchcock	1978-1979 * Trevor Hitchcock PHF
1979-1980 * Harvey Joyner PHF	1980-1981 Peter Mead PHF
1981-1982 * Robert Neale PHF	1982-1983 * Tom Hobbs
1983-1984 * Ray Lynch PHF	1984-1985 * Bert Taylor PHF
1985-1986 Charles Glanville PHF	1986-1987 Barry Cook PHF
1987 -1988 Len Satara PHF	1988-1989 Albert Blatch PHF
1989-1990 Robin McKay PHF	1990-1991 * Bruce Napthali PHF
1991-1992 Brian Nicholson PHF	1992-1993 * Peter Bull PHF
1993-1994 Trevor Hall PHF	1994-1995 Alan Hind PHF
1995-1996 + Ray Boyle PHF	1996-1997 John Scott PHF
1997-1998 Geoff Wood PHF	1998-1999 Brian Corlis PHF
1999-2000 John Costa PHF	2000-2001 John Hickmott PHF
2001-2002 * Brett Cottee PHF	2002-2003 * Paul Allen PHF
2003-2004 * Chris White PHF	2004-2005 Charles Oxenham PHF
2005-2006 * Janet Cottee PHF	2006-2007 Nadim Joukhadar PHF
2007-2008 Willy Piepers PHF	2008-2009 Victor Glanville PHF
2009-2010 George Maroun	2010-2011 Keith Willoughby PHF
2011-2012 Ross Newell PHF	2012-2013 Willy Piepers PHF x 2
2013-2014 Teresita (Tess) Hall PHF	2014-2015 John Harding
2015-2016 John Harding	

ROTARY CLUB OF PENRITH No.18079

MEMBERSHIP REGISTER

Provisional Club formed 12 June 1945

Charter Granted 16 November 1945

PM	Provisional Club Member
PP	Past President
PHF	Paul Harris Fellow awarded

		Joined - Left	Classification (at joining)
ADAMS, Phil		30109/54 - 28/05/59	Past Service
ALCORN, Laurie	PP	06/08/70 - 23/09/77	Land Valuing
ALLEN, Frank	PP	12/06/45 - 15111151	Estate Agent
ALLEN, Frank	PP	30/06/55 - 30106/60	Estate Agent
ALLEN, Len	PP	12/06/45 - 30103/50	Town Clerk
ALLEN, Paul	PP	24/04/89 - 30/06/14	Engineering Supplies Dist.
ANDERSON, Dick		01109/49 - 01103/51	Citrus Growing
ANDERSON, Ken	PP	12106/45 - 25/02/47	Public Service (C.P.S.)
ARBUTHNOT, Jim		01/03/04 - 01/09/05	
ARMSTRONG, Les		09/02/87 - 01101192	Air Defence-Admin.
ATKINSON, John		18/12/88 - 01/01/90	Horticultural Supplies
ATTARD, Mark		26/02/07 - 21/11/11	
BAGULEY, Arthur		10110/57 - 18/01168	Elec.Light&Power Servo
BAMFORD, Bob		07/11/57 - 18/01164	Bakery Retailing
BARRETT, Paul		20/04/98 - 30/06/00	
BARRETT, Ron		04/08/49 - 31/12/00	Garage Services
BARRETT, Ron	Honorary	31/12/00 - 11/08/05	Garage Services
BARRY, Ron	PP	12/06/45 - 05/03/46	Explosives (Munitions)
BAXTER, Arthur		07/09/67 - 23/12/75	Hospital (Special) Admin.
BELTRAN, Daniel		07107/86 - 01112186	Aluminium Fabrication
BENNETT, Arthur	PP	29/09/55 - 09/05177	Dry Cleaning
BENSON, Gregory		10/03/97 - 31/12/97	
BESLEY, Roy		09/06/68 - 23/07173	Govt. Transportation
BESLEY, Roy	Re-J	06/09/75 - 01/01/79	Govt. Transportation
BEZZINA, Paul		03/05/99 - 31/12/00	
BLAAUW, Geoff		05/09/94 - 31/12/98	Real Estate, Commercial
BLATCH, Albert	PP	27/07/81 - 01/01/98	Savings Banking
BLATCH, Albert	Re-J PP	15/03/04 -	Past Service
BOWLER, Marianne		10/12/07 - 30/06/12	
BLOXHAM, Bill		12/12/63 - 20/10/64	Religion, Protestantism
BOLTON, John		31/07/70 - 15/04/71	Hotels
BOOTY, Fred	PP	12/06/45 - 31/12/48	Bank Official
BOOTY, Fred	Re-J	31/12/48 - 30/9/50	Honorary Member
BOYLE, Ray	PP	13/12/88 - 31/12/00	Automotive Retailing
BOYLE, Ray	PP PHF	31/12/00 - 16/05/03	Automotive Retailing
BRABIN, Ellen		06/06/11 - 30/06/11	
BRAGG, Bert		27/11/58 - 01/03/65	Electrical Installation
BRAINWOOD, Brian		29/03/99 - 31/12/99	
BRENNAN, Graeme		30/10/89 - 31/12/00	Building Maintenance
BRIDGE, Peter		24/04/89 - 19/03/90	Education, Primary
BRIDGER, Clyde		04/11/47 - 20/04/61	Men's Hairdressing
BROWN, Bruce		06/05/85 - 02/03/87	Defence, Armaments
BROWN, Doug		02/06/60 - 27102/64	Child Welfare
BROWN, George		28/08/58 - 18/12/58	Hotels
BUCKLAND, John		13/03/95 - 15112/95	Comm. Refrigeration W Is
BUCKMASTER, Bruce		12/03/79 - 01102/82	Religion, Salvation Army
BULL, Peter	PP	21/09/87 - 30/06/94	Chiropractic
BURROWS, Norm		23/03/48 - 05/02/53	Rail Transportation
BYRNE, Bert		02/06/60 - 31/12/62	Education, Secondary

CAMPBELL, Harold		17/10/68 – 30/1 0/69	Newspaper Publishing
CAMPBELL, Sue		01/01/96 – 31/12/96	
CARLIN, Ray		08/06/80 - 15/06/81	Elevator Sales & Install.
CARRUTHERS, Mac	PP	25/02/54 - 23/06/71	Education, Primary
CHAPMAN, Bill		01/09/49 – 22/07/71	Carrying
CHAPPLE, Ray PM		12/06/45 - 05/08/47	Clergyman
CHATFIELD, Kerr		12/11/70 - 18/01/93	Ophthalmology
CHRISTIE, Ian		07/02/11 – 31/03/14	
CONNING, David		13/03/00 – 31/12/00	
CHOPIN, Col		11/04/57 - 16/11/58	Banking
CLARINGBOLD, David		23/07/70 - 15/01/74	Automobile Retailing
CLARK, John		26/03/79 - 19/04/82	Television Manufacturing
COLEMAN, Roy		06/11/69 – 29/12/75	Petroleum Sales Prom.
COLEMAN, Stan		29/05/52 - 24/05/56	Quarrying
COLLESS, Roger		26/03/73 – 15/12/75	Job Printing
COLLESS, Sid		23/03/48 - 07/08/52	Small Goods Retailing
COLLIE, David		01/09/49 – 13/10/66	Automobile Retailing
COOK, Barry PP	PHF	06/03/78 -	Bus Services
COOK, Bernard		03/12/53 - 26/06/58	Dairy Farming
CORIN, Dick		02/07/79 – 01/01/92	Telephone Services
CORLIS, Brian PP	PHF	21/06/82 - 15/06/15	Exotic Fruit Growing
CORLIS, Brian PP PHF	Honorary	15/06/15 –	
CORMACK, Harry		30/06/86 – 12/12/94	General Law Practice
CORR, Harold		03/03/60 - 02/02/76	Municipal Govt. Admin.
CORR, Jack		28/08/58 - 09/04/59	Fruit & Veg. Retailing
CORTESE, Rick		01/08/94 – 31/12/99	Defence, Qual. Mmt
COSTA, John		16/10/89 – 11/09/95	Electrical Contracting
COSTA, John PP	PHF	01/05/96 – 27/10/03	Electrical Contracting
COSTA, John		29/06/13 -	Electrical Contracting
COTTEE, Brett PP	PHF	13/01/97 – 30/06/04	
COTTEE, Janet PP	PHF	05/05/97 – 29/06/09	
COWAN, Roger		05/03/79 - 25/02/80	Club Management
COWLEY, Bill		24/04/78 - 26/11/84	General Law Practice
CRAM, John PP	PM	12/06/45 – 23/10/65	Solicitor
CRONIN, Frank		15/03/62 – 31/01/94	Feed & Grain Retailing
CRONIN, Frank	Honorary	01/06/95 – 31/12/97	
CURLEY, Terry		16/11/67 – 28/11/68	Grocery Retailing
DALLY, Ron		21/06/62 – 29/11/62	Electricity Add. Act.
DAVIES, Chris		08/05/72 - 15/09/75	Local Govt. Town Planning
DEAN, Doug		04/08/86 – 11/05/87	Air Defence, Qual. Assur.
DeBOER, Henri		27/11/58 – 19/10/61	Photography
DEUTCHER, Dave		16/11/67 – 21/11/68	Concrete Manufacture
DIXON, Bruce		21/08/58 – 14/12/61	Banking, Government
EDWARDS, Ted	PM	12/06/45 - 09/02/50	Education, Headmaster
ELLIOTT, Jack PM		12/06/45 - 24/02/48	Shell Filling, Munitions
EMPSON, John PP		25/09/52 – 11/01/66	Jewellery Retailing
FAGG, Bruce		06/05/74 – 11/06/84	Police Service
FALCONER, Baden		06/05/65 - 23/02/67	Hardware Retailing
FEHON, Peter		07/07/86 – 19/11/93	Taxation Consulting, Public
FESZCZUK, Ben	PHF	06/05/91 -	Police Officer
FIELDING, Wal		12/04/56 – 18/12/69	Grape Growing
FLETCHER, Bert		01/12/49 – 01/09/60	Dry Goods Retailing,
FLETCHER, Oscar	Ch.Pres PM	12/06/45 – 01/06/75	Department Store
FLYNN, John		17/08/67 - 30/10/69	Finance Loans
FORBES, Peter		26/11/01 – 31/12/04	
FORD, Kim		07/07/86 - 22/06/87	Dry Cleaning
FORREST, David		08/11/62 – 22/10/64	Sewing Machine Manf.
FOWLER, Bernie		28/10/65 – 06/10/81	Stock & Station Agent
FRANCIS, Max		28/02/64 - 17/12/64	Public Defence, Air
FRASER, George		04/06/70 - 05/01/87	Life Assurance
FRAZER, Bruce		18/06/70 – 01/03/76	Mower Sales & Service

FRAZER, Bruce	Re-J	19/06/76 – 01/09/77	Mower Sales & Service
FREEBURN, Vic	PM	12/06/45 - 27/05/65	Rental Proprietor
FRENCH, Trevor		18/2/88 - 30/06/89	Advertising Graphics
FULKER, Keith		14/05/07 -	
FULLER, Charles		06/03/58 – 01/09/60	Journalism
FULTON, Harold		16/11/67 - 02/05/68	Police Service
FULTON, Harold	Re-J	17/10/68 - 20/02/69	Police Service,
FULWOOD, Ken		30/07/73 - 29/07/74	Police Administration
GALLIMORE, John		17/03/80 - 09/07/84	Education, Primary
GAYAGAY, Kevin		21/06/14 -	
GERDES, Peter		23/03/81 - 01/10/83	Commuter Aviation
GIAMBUZZI, Angelo		07/02/83 - 07/07/86	Life Assurance
GIBB, Max		19/02/90 - 24/10/94	Industry Advocacy
GIBBINS, Don PM		12/06/45 – 11/09/45	Purchasing Officer
GIBBS, Terry		10/07/69 – 27/10/75	Tyre Retailing
GILKES, Alan		05/05/56 - 15/08/57	Textiles Printing
GLANVILLE, Charles PP	PHF	16/09/74 -	Building Consultancy
GLANVILLE, Victor PP	PHF	08/11/04 -	
GLEDHILL, Norm		28/05/59 - 18/02/60	Pharmacy
GLEDHILL, Norm	Re-J	20/04/67 - 19/05/80	Pharmacy
GNEZDILOFF, Mike		01/07/91 - 01/01/92	Air Defence,Explosives
GONCHAROFF, Serge		17/10/83 - 22/06/87	Metal Extrusions Add.
GORDON, Ken		11/03/71 - 04/06/73	Hospital Administration
GOSLING, Derek		13/09/51 - 05/05/56	Accounting Services
GOULD, Les		24/04/95 – 21/03/97	Air Defence Admin
GRAHAM, John		21/09/87 – 01/01/98	Landscape Gardening
GRAHAM, John	Re-J	15/03/04 – 30/12/12	Landscape Gardening
GRAHAM, John	Honorary	30/12/12 -	
GRASSI, Joe		07/07/86 – 31/12/97	General Law Practice
GREEN, Peter PP		06/05/74 - 09/01/78	Auditing
GREEN, Reg PP		12/12/57 - 01/03/76	Accounting Service
GREEN, Ted PM		12/06/45 - 28/05/46	Metallurgist, Munitions
GRIFFIN, Rex PPPM		12/06/45 - 11/03/47	Industrial Chemist,
GUPTA, Manisha		24/08/15 -	
HALES, Bill		27/05/65 - 20/05/77	Postal Services
HALL, Tess PP	PHF	03/11/08 -	
HALL, Trevor PP	PHF	27/11/84 -	Structural Engineering
HALLAM, Ken		01/09/75 - 05/05/76	Banking
HANDLEY, Roy	PP	15/04/47 - 20/03/69	Radio Retailing
HARDGRAVE, Ron		06/12/76 - 29/08/77	Hydraulic Comp. Manf.
HARDING, Amabel		04/04/11 –	
HARDING, John		04/04/11 -	
HARGREAVES, Perce		22/01/70 - 18/01/92	Petroleum Products,
HARLAND, Dorothy		03/11/08 – 17/10/11	
HARRIS, Ray		31/08/50 - 13/03/52	Banking, Government
HARSLETT, Harry		04/05/60 - 17/08/61	Sand & Gravel, Admin
HARSLETT, Harry	Re-J	16/02/67 - 14/03/68	Sand & Gravel Distribution
HART, Mac		01/09/55 - 15/08/57	Poultry Breeding
HARVEY, Tony		08/10/70 - 09/09/74	Surveying
HASTING, Joe		21/06/62 - 08/09/65	Banking
HAWKINS, Don	Honorary	15/04/71 - 30/06/74	Honorary Member
HEATHERSHAW, Alan		01/07/54 - 15/08/57	Banking Government
HENDRIKX, Peter		14/03/68 – 12/12/94	Building Contracting
HENWOOD, Mike		06/01/86 - 05/01/87	Munitions Production Safety
HEPWORTH, Kevin		27/11/58 - 17/08/61	Education, Primary
HICKMOTT, John PP	PHF	21/11/94 -	Real Estate, Residential
HICKS, Jack		15/03/62 - 01/06/65	Building Materials Retailing
HINCH, Fred		30/09/47 - 19/07/56	Groceries Retailing
HINCH, Jack		14/01/71 - 15/01/73	Advertising
HIND, Alan PP	PHF	13/5/85 -	Air Defence, Explosives
HINGLEY, Bert		15/11/51 - 25/08/60	Past Service
HINTON, Merv PM		12/06/45 – 11/12/46	Laboratory Chemist

HITCHCOCK, Trevor PP	PHF	10/12/73 - 10/02/92	Electrical Component Manf.
HOBBS, Tom PP		09/09/74 - 05/01/87	Tool Manufacturing
HODGSON, Allan PP	PM	12/06/45 - 27/06/63	Architecture
HOGG, Roger		08/05/72 - 11/02/74	Mechanical Engineering
HOLDEN, Chris		04/09/73 - 01/01/92	Tennis Coaching
HOLLEY, Peter		21/06/82 - 01/01/85	Religion, Salvation Army
HOLMES, John		07/02/63 - 29/09/66	Dairy Produce Dist.
HOLT, Bob		23/07/70 - 10/07/72	Industrial Pump Manf.
HOPGOOD, Phil		04/04/77 - 17/04/78	Housing Finance
HUGHES, Kevin		21/01/80 - 01/06/83	Petroleum Products, Dist.
HUGHES, Kevin	Re-J	23/07/84 - 01/07/86	Petroleum Products, Dist.
HUNGERFORD, Tom		23/03/48 - 03/12/70	Veterinary Services
HUNTER, Mervyn		13/09/51 - 16/04/53	Citrus Growing
JACK, Ralph		22/01/90 - 21/06/93	Commercial Banking
JACKSON, Arthur		29/04/71 - 16/04/73	Medical Practice, Consultant
JACKSON, Lindsay		05/11/79 - 05/03/85	Signwriting
JACKSON, Wendy		23/07/12 -	
JAY, Stewart		02/03/67 - 23/05/68	Postal Service Add. Act.
JENKINS, Sid		01/09/49 - 29/06/50	Rail Traffic Administration
JENNINGS, John		07/02/83 - 17/06/91	Agricultural Society Mmt.
JONES, Alf		16/05/57 - 01/09/60	Police Service
JONES, Doug		23/11/98 - 19/06/00	
JORGENSON, Norm		06/05/54 - 18/08/55	Past Service
JOUKHADAR, Nadim PP	PHF	28/04/03 -	Accounting General
JOYNER, Harvey PP	PHF	23/05/68 - 31/12/98	Earth Moving Plant & Parts
JUDD, Doug		03/05/76 - 18/07/94	Metal Extrusion
JUNEK, Geoffrey		21/02/52 - 13/09/56	Clothing Manufacturing
KEECH, Eric PP	PM PHF	12/06/45 - 05/12/63	Engineer, Milk Factory
KEECH L William		16/04/53 - 55/56	Small Goods Retailing
KENNETT, Keith		12/11/79 - 01/01/82	Education, Tertiary
KENT, David		25/07/88 - 30/11/89	Beverage Marketing
KENT, Tom		04/08/49 - 08/03/51	Poultry Raising
KEPREOTIS, Nick PP	PM	12/06/45 - 27/06/68	Cafe Proprietor
Kurczewski, Andrew		11/04/11 - 17/10/11	
KINDER, Jim		12/08/65 - 25/09/69	Govt. Labour & Industry
KNOX, John PP		30/09/47 - 18/10/56	Banking, Private
KNOX, John PP PHF	Re-J	27/05/65 - 07/02/83	Senior Active
LAKE, Bill		05/11/64 - 16/06/66	Education, Primary
LAMROCK, Brian		11/08/49 - 12/07/56	Law - Conveyancing
LAMROCK, Brian PP PHF	Re-J	28/11/57 - 30/06/99	General Law Practice
LAMROCK, Brian	Honorary	30/06/99 - 11/12/04	
LARKING, Alex		30/09/47 - 21/07/49	Dairy Produce Dist.
LAUDER, Gordon		31/08/50 - 02/05/88	Dentistry
LEGAN, Julia		27/04/15 -	
LEITHHEAD, Dave		07/09/50 - 13/09/51	Education, Primary
LEITHHEAD, Dave	Re-J	16/04/53 - 14/01/54	Education, Primary
LEVEN, Gordon		10/08/87 - 15/12/95	Motor Tyre Retailing
LEVEN, John		12/06/78 - 08/02/12	Land Surveying
LEVEN, John	Honorary	20/12/12 -	
LEVEY, Wilf		09/02/87 - 13/12/93	Medical, Paediatrics
LEWIS, William		17/10/88 - 01/02/90	Air Defence, Explosives
LEWIS, Les		23/07/84 - 31/01/94	Race Horse Agistment
LICKERMAN, Neil		02/12/85 - 21/02/94	Long Distance Transport
LISSON, Nicole		29/08/11 - 31/12/11	
LONG, Barry		19/07/76 - 12/03/84	Municipal Govt. Admin.
LORD, Len PP		25/11/65 - 20/06/77	Dairy Farming
LOUGHNAN, Carmen		23/04/07 - 24/11/08	
LOWERY, Mary Ann		16/01/95 - 01/03/96	Chiropractic Service
LUMLEY, Max		22/06/67 - 30/06/05	Dentistry
LUMLEY, Max	Honorary	30/06/05 - 19/09/13	
LYNCH, Ray PP	PHF	09/01/78 - 01/01/92	Dept. Store Retailing

MAINWARING, Ted		25/02/56 - 15/08/57	Accounting Service
MAANO, Grace		05/07/10 – 31/12/11	
MAROUN, George PP	PHF	14/04/05 -	
MARSH, Judith		17/06/95 – 01/06/96	Funeral Service
MARSHALL, Barry		28/10/74 - 05/01/76	Motor Vehicle Rego
MARSTON, Tom		21/08/58 - 28/04/60	Defence, Land
MARSTON, Tom	Re-J	15/10/70 - 02/03/87	Electrical App. Manuf.
MARTIN, David		19/06/78 - 18/10/82	Auditing
MARTIN,Orm		04/06/70 - 01/01/71	Concrete Pipe Manuf.
MATTHEWS, Matt	PM	12/06/45 - 25/08/49	Production Mgr., Munit.
MAY,Mavon PP		04/08/49 - 30/06/73	Life Assurance
McARTHUR, Mac	PP	31/08/50 – 29/11/56	Stationery Retailing
McDONALD, Stan		18/06/70 – 25/11/74	Dry Cleaning
McGUINNESS, Richard		24/05/82 – 01/03/83	Primary Education,
McKANNA, John		18/05/81 - 19/04/82	Steel Products Manuf.
McKAY, Robin PP	PHF	18/02/71 -	Architecture
McMASTER-FAY, Roger		08/10/12 -	
McKNIGHT, Chris		09/11/92 – 31/12/96	Transport Management
McMILLAN, Gordon		06/05/54 – 23/11/61	Timber Distributing
MEAD, Peter PP	PHF	19/07/76 – 21/04/08	Newsagency
MEAD, Peter PP PHF	Re-J	09/09/13 -	
MESTRONI, Greg		14/09/15 –	
MICHELSON, Vivian		24/08/15 -	
MILLER, Frank		10/02/56 – 14/10/74	Men's Clothing Retailing
MILLINGEN, Hugh		29/05/52 - 13/03/72	Auto. Retailing, Add. Act
MIRCK, Eddie		29/11/76 - 01/01/81	Glass Containers Manuf.
MULLEN, Darel		19/02/73 – 01/01/92	Education Primary, Add.
NAPTHALI, Bruce PP	PHF	21/03/83 – 31/12/99	Accounting Services
NEALE,Bob PP	PHF	08/10/70 - 30/06/91	Furniture Retailing
NEALE, Bruce PP PHF PM		12/06/45 - 04/01/84	Country Storekeeper
NEWELL,Ian		06/07/67 - 30/09/70	Hospital Administration
NEWELL, Ross PP	PHF	29/10/07 -	
NEWMAN, George		27/09/10 -	
NICHOLSON, Brian PP	PHF	25/06/79 – 05/08/12	Land Valuing
NICHOLSON, Brian PP PHF	Honorary	06/08/12 -	
NORRIS, Clive		16/12/71 - 15/09/75	Sand & Gravel Dist.
NUNN, Keith		16/11/67 - 14/07/75	Banking Add. Act.
O'MEARA, Tony		16/05/77 - 27/04/81	Orthodontics
OXENHAM, Charles		14/03/68 -	Fire Exting. Service
PAGE, Rick		03/09/79 - 10/03/80	Radio Management
PALMER, Al		09/11/98 – 31/12/99	
PARER, John		07/02/72 - 12/12/77	Consultant Surgeon
PARKER, Peter		16/08/82 - 28/05/90	Club Catering
PARKINSON, Brian		04/12/78 - 09/10/89	Real Estate Sales
PEARSON, Harold		08/01/73 - 03/02/75	Religion, Salvation
PEEL, Don		05/10/67 - 02/09/70	Education, Primary
PELLAS, Tas		11/05/61 - 30/09/65	Journalism
PESLE, Karl		02/04/64 - 12/08/71	Veterinary Medicine
PETRIE, Lloyd		10/03/66 – 05/11/70	Govt. Water Service
PHELPS, Alf		15/04/47 - 28/09/50	Health Service, Council
PIEPERS, Willy PP PP	PHF PHF	07/07/86 -	Accounting, Auditing
PINFOLD, Warren PP	PHF	28/11/57 – 30/06/99	Sand & Gravel Dist.
PINFOLD, Warren	Honorary	30/06/99 – 23/09/13	
PLANT, Bill		09/01/78 - 17/10/83	Cont. Depot M'tment
PLUMMER, Jack		23/09/85 – 31/12/98	Hardware Retailing
PLUNKETT, John		15/04/47 - 22/03/56	Motor Engineering
POWELL, Richard		01/06/96 – 12/11/01	
PRESKETT, Alf PP	PHF	12/09/68 - 30/06/89	Furniture Removals
PRICE, Tony		09/04/70 - 30/01/75	Sign Writing
QUINN, James		10/10/88 - 30/06/90	Dept. Store Retailing
RABAUD, Errol		27/04/15 -	
RICKARD, Wayne		10/07/89 – 01/06/94	Electrical Installation

ROACH, John PP		23/05/68 - 16/10/78	Steel Fabrication
ROBERTS, David		22/04/71 - 26/02/79	Auto Electrical Service
ROBERTS, David	Re-J	30/10/89 - 15/12/95	Auto Electrical Service
ROBERTS, Gordon		23/10/53 - 55/56	Cordial Manufacturing
ROBERTSON, Victor		18/09/89 - 01/04/91	Air Defence, Education
ROB SON, John		08/07/85 - 03/02/86	Air Conditioning Add.
RODGERS, Arch	PM	12/06/45 - 26/06/58	Journalist
ROES, Frank		04/02/74 - 21/03/77	Back Hoe Operator
ROES, Greg		01/04/96 - 31/12/00	
ROFFE, Reg	PM	12/06/45 - 11/12/52	Tyre Merchant
ROOTS, Garney		07/09/67 - 28/03/68	Waste Disposal
ROSS, Evan		02/08/51 - 18/10/56	Town Clerk
ROSS, Hec		07/06/51 - 30/06/55	Food Freezing
ROSS, Hec PP	Honorary	04/11/65 - 06/08/78	Honorary Member
ROSS, Jock		29/05/69 - 14/10/74	Bicycle Retailing
ROSSETTO, Gary		01/05/06 - 30/06/07	
RUDD, Steele		06/03/69 - 15/04/91	Brake Services
RUDD, Steele	Honorary	15/04/91 - 31/12/97	Honorary Member
RULE, Ernie	PM	12/06/45 - 21/10/49	Timber Merchant
RULE, Ernie	Re-J	24/05/51 - 01/10/54	Tyre Merchant
RUMBLE, Garry		11/03/85 - 19/11/93	Local Govt. Health
RYAN, Philip		12/09/88 - 20/02/92	General Medical Practice
RYLANCE, Ralph PP		19/03/70 - 01/07/82	Hospital Admin. - Medical
SAFI, Pierre		20/04/98 - 31/12/99	
SANDERS, Tom		12/12/63 - 29/12/66	Hospital Administration
SATARA, Len PP	PHF	24/05/76 -	Grazing
SCHADEL, Norm		30/06/55 - 06/09/56	Defence, Land
SCHARKIE, Charles		28/05/59 - 01/07/65	Capital Investment
SCHUBACK, John		27/05/47 - 29/07/47	Stationery Supplies
SCOTT, Jim PP	PHF	31/03/66 - 01/06/99	Motion Picture Theatre
SCOTT, Fiona		07/02/11 - 31/12/12	
SCOTT, Fiona (MP)	Honorary	25/05/15 -	
SCOTT, John PP	PHF	05/03/84 -	Automobile Spare Parts
SHEPHERD, Jack		15/04/47 - 03/09/59	Building Construction
SHEPPARD, Dick		12/04/56 - 06/03/69	Citrus Growing
SIMPSON, John		10/09/07 - 18/12/11	
SKINNER, Graham		13/10/80 - 18/11/91	Card Retailing
SLAVIN, Peter		30/06/55 - 12/01/67	Ambulance Service
SLEZACEK, Ivo		24/01/72 -	Veterinary Medicine
SMITH, Bill	PM	12/06/45 - 17/11/48	Garage Proprietor
SMITH, Bob		02/07/46 - 04/05/48	Prison Administration
SMITH, Bob	Re-J	05/06/55 - 19/12/57	Prison Administration
SMITH, Stan	PM	12/06/45 - 08/05/58	Chemist, Retail
SOMMERVILLE, Bob		30/09/65 - 18/01/68	Banking
SPEIRS, Ivor PP	PHF	25/02/71 - 01/12/14	Automobile Retailing
SPIERS, Ivor PP PHF	Honorary	09/12/14 -	
SPENCE, Bruce		15/04/47 - 22/05/52	Motion Picture Add. Act.
SPENCE, Lisle (Pop) PP	PM	12/06/45 - 04/04/72	Motion Pictures
STAPLETON, Len		24/09/53 - 15/08/57	Surveying
STEVENS, Amanda		02/02/98 - 04/02/02	
STEVENSON, Ian		26/11/90 - 30/06/91	Banking
STOKES, John		29/05/89 - 31/12/98	Real Estate, Marketing
STRONG, Joe		27/11/58 - 30/06/65	Dairy Farming
STYLES, Colin		30/10/89 - 05/02/90	Air Defence, Supply
SULLIVAN, Keith		12/03/84 - 03/02/86	Timber Industries
TAGGART, Bob		29/10/70 - 14/07/75	Religion, Presbyterian
TAIT, Carson		05/04/56 - 16/07/57	Drapery Retailing
TALBOT, John		30/01/58 - 28/05/64	Civil Engineering
TAYLOR, Alex		15/04/47 - 10/11/49	Electrical Engineering
TAYLOR, Alex PP PHF	Re-J	13/09/51 - 09/01/78	Electrical Engineering
TAYLOR, Bert PP	PHF	23/02/76 - 01/11/93	Poultry Breeding
TAYLOR, Gerry		16/09/71 - 05/12/77	Education Primary

THUMM, Jack	PP	25/05/61 – 01/06/95	Building Construction
TRENCH, Mark		12/03/79 – 30/06/04	General Law Practice Add.
TUCKWELL, Heb		16/04/53 - 55/56	Electric Power Generation
TURRILL, Clare		20/06/77 - 23/02/81	Roof Tile Manufacture
TURTON, Alan		19/08/74 - 19/01/76	Defence, Air
ULICK, Lorie		26/05/60 - 25/07/63	Chain Store Management
UPTON, Max		29/09/60 – 11/12/69	Pharmacy
UREN, Harry	PP	02/07/46 - 11/01/68	Medicine, G.P.
UREN, John		16/04/64 - 25/06/84	General Medicine Practice
VAN DEN BERG, Eddie		14/03/68 – 20/12/76	Novelty Manufacturing
Van STEENWYCK, Case		02/06/66 – 21/07/67	Concrete Pipe Manufact.
VENEY, Jim		17/08/67 - 08/01/70	Police Services
VINE, Frank		30/07/59 – 11/07/63	Dry Goods Retailing
WALDIN, Guy	PM	12/06/45 – 01/12/60	Buyer, Munitions
WALKER, Milton		11/08/49 - 26/02/53	Egg Producing
WARTON, Matthew		05/05/97 – 31/12/00	
WATSON, Doug	PHF	06/03/58 – 28/12/92	General Law Practice
WATSON, Doug	PP PHF	28/12/92 – 28/07/06	Honorary Member
WHEELER, Larry		23/02/04 – 11/04/05	
WELCH, Charlie	PM	12/06/45 - 22/11/46	Auctioneer
WELLSMORE, Des	PM	12/06/45 - 27/02/69	Petroleum Products
WHITE, Chris	PP	02/07/01 – 29/06/10	
WHITE, Elyce		29/08/11 – 31/12/11	
WHITE, Vicki		31/03/03 – 30/06/10	
WILKINSON, Dick		23/05/68 - 18/06/91	Optical Prescriptions
WILLOUGHBY, Keith	PP	19/02/90 -	Garden Products,
WILSON, John		31/03/66 - 28/07/67	Sewing Machine Manuf
WISE, Larry		19/03/68 - 20/02/69	Nylon Products Manuf.
WOOD, Geoff		22/04/74 - 01/08/88	Accountancy
WOOD, Geoff	PP	01/05/96 –	
WOOD, Jennifer		29/05/06 – 21/01/14	
WOOD, John		23/10/69 – 01/04/71	Ready Mixed Concrete
WOOD, Lloyd		28/11/57 - 16/08/76	Meat Retailing
WOOD, Ray		08/05/78 – 06/08/79	Meat Retailing
WOODBURY, Stan		23/03/81 – 05/01/87	Rail Transport
WOOTEN, Bill		15/11/76 – 19/05/83	Banking, Trading
WORRAD, John		08/04/74 – 11/12/78	Education, Primary