



Rotary Club of  
Blacktown City Inc.

# FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE

1961 - 2011



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## FOREWORD FROM THE 2011 - 2012 PRESIDENT



It is with a great deal of pleasure that I introduce this wonderful compilation of the last fifty years of the Rotary Club of Blacktown City.

My association with the Club has been a mere four years, however in that time I have been privileged to meet and work beside some very committed human beings.

As the Club President for 2011 – 2012, I have inherited a culture that has stood the test of fifty years, and laid the foundation for the next

fifty. Reading back over the endeavours of the members during that time, I am inspired by the diligence, commitment and selflessness of the members some who have left us and some remain.

Fellowship is a key word in any article written about Rotary, and there should be no mystery why. It is the glue that binds our Club, and affords many of us an opportunity to come together each week at our meetings as well as our other activities and share in the lives of each other on all levels.

The history of the Rotary Club of Blacktown City over fifty years, tells a great story of human spirit, and human enterprise.

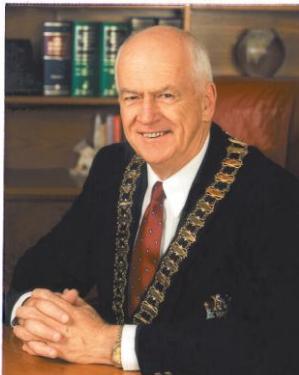
I look forward to leading the Club in its Golden Year and I thank the current Board and members for their support and inspiration.

To Richard White, Bob Gardiner, Bob Bensley and the many others who contributed to the final product, congratulations on a job very well done. You have been able to paint a picture that will evoke memories for many and inspire many more.

**Zena Shedden**

President

2011 - 2012



## **Message from the Mayor of Blacktown City**

As Mayor of Blacktown City, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Rotary Club of Blacktown City on its 50th anniversary of service to the local community.

The Rotary Club of Blacktown City plays an instrumental role in contributing to the quality of life of our residents and visitors to our City.

The Rotary Club provides tremendous assistance to individuals in need, assists community groups with community festivals, functions and fundraising. They also assist Council with civic functions such as Australia Day and the Blacktown City Festival through the provision of catering services.

Over the past 50 years I understand the Rotary Club has achieved some significant milestones in Blacktown City including implementing a careers market, initiating vocational awards at the Blacktown College of TAFE and Nirimba College, introducing citizenship awards at local schools and initiating the Police Officer of the Year Awards to recognise police officers serving in the Blacktown Local Area Command.

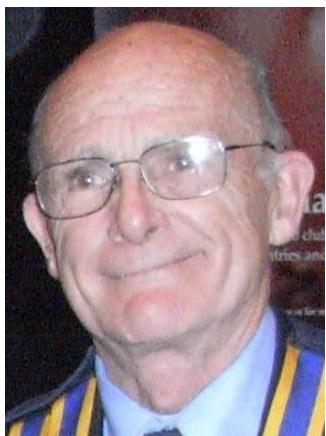
I personally thank and congratulate the Club on their tremendous efforts.

On behalf of Blacktown City Council, my fellow Councillors and the Blacktown City community, a sincere thank you for your contribution in making Blacktown City a better place.

***Councillor Alan Pendleton  
Mayor of Blacktown City***



## ROTARY YEAR 2010 - 2011



This year was a year of changes. First President Norm Beckett, an officer of The Salvation Army, was transferred to Latvia and last year's President John Wilson agreed to stand in for the rest of the year.

New Generations Director George Doublesin moved to Melbourne and Daniel Kellie filled that position. Kerry Baker was also unable to continue as Vocational Director and Gail Johnson filled that gap. Kerry, unfortunately died later in the year.

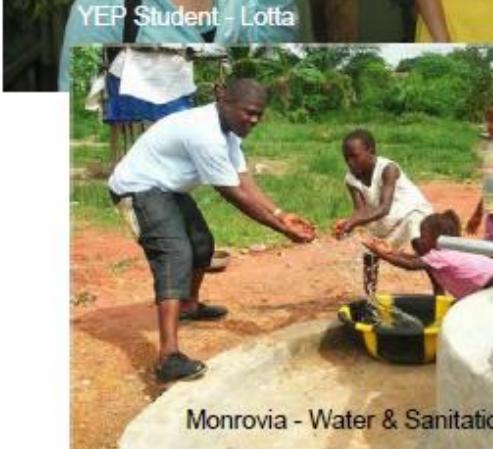
Our daughter club Prospect surrendered its charter and two members John Smith and Tony Orr joined our club. Stalwart Bob Gardiner was recognised with a new RI Award – the Club Builder Award. The Club 'Service Above Self' Award went to Pam Carne who also was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow. Former member Leighton Farrell was named as the second Friend of the Rotary. Ten members resigned bringing the membership down to 47. Our club had 12 members serving in District 9690 positions.

In Community Service the club continued three main projects, that of catering at many events; the Farmers Market and the Seniors Christmas Party. Fundraising was supplemented by Christmas Gift Wrapping at Westpoint and another Muscle Car Cruise to the Central Coast. Adopt-A-Road and Bowelscan continued and another project Books for Babies was initiated. The Blacktown Festival, now the Blacktown Fiesta, was supported with a stall.

Our Exchange Student for the year was Lotta Koskela from Finland and two major international projects were undertaken. The Caluya Medical Mission was an outstanding success with four members; Gus Baecker, Nelma Galmas, Mel Gray and Daniel Kellie taking part. The Monrovia Market Garden Project saw the purchase of 3 acres of land with the support of a Rotary Foundation Simplified Grant, a number of other clubs in our District and from three members of our club. We also hosted the GSE team from District 3860, in the Philippines. Our outstanding Foundation Scholar Katrina Yu returned from her year in London.

Under New Generations we sent candidates to RYPEN, RYLA and MUNA. We continued support for RYDA, the Youth project COM4unity and provided the Citizenship Awards to Primary and High Schools in our area.

Under Vocational Service, we continued the Police Officer of the Year Award, Pride of Workmanship Awards, the Blacktown and Nirimba TAFE Awards and the Blacktown Local Business Awards. We were also successful in having a candidate, Anufhka Thevaamanoharan for the National Youth Science Forum accepted.



# FORMATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WENTWORTHVILLE

## NARRATION OF STEPS

Visitation of 60 Potential Members ..	From July, 1961
Organisation Meeting .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> November, 1961
First Meeting of Provisional Club.....	9 <sup>th</sup> November, 1961
Charter Granted .....	16 <sup>th</sup> November, 1961
Charter Presented .....	9 <sup>th</sup> December, 1961

Induction of the Charter Members and presentation of the Charter was conducted by District Governor Sleath Lowrey. The District Governor's Special Representative was J M (Morrie) Gibb assisted by Rotarian D R (Doug) Downing.

The sponsoring Club was the Rotary Club of Parramatta whose President was Les Genner.

## OFFICERS

President .....	John Whitmore
Vice President .....	Frank Hartman
Secretary .....	John Wood
Sergeant-at-Arms .....	Peter Green
Treasurer .....	Jack Lamb
Directors .....	Jack Bradshaw, Viv Gould, Harold Read

## CHARTER MEMBERS

Attneave, K.E. (Keith) .....	Roof Tile Manufacturer
Black, J.H. (John) .....	Sign Writing
Bokeyar, E.J. (Eric) .....	Pharmacy
Bradshaw, J. (John) .....	Cotton Spinning
Brien, H.A. (Harry) .....	Meat Retailing
Davis, T.C. (Tom) .....	Children's Wear Retailing
Gould, V.L. (Viv) .....	Air Conditioning - Equipment Manufacturing
Green, H.H. (Peter) .....	Structural Engineering
Hartman, E.F. (Frank) .....	Hotels
Hicks, E.H. (Ted) .....	Education - Primary Schools
Lamb, J.R. (Jack) .....	Finance - Banking
McLachlan, L.T. (Tom) .....	Men & Boys' Wear Retailing
Miller, H.S. (Harry) .....	Toy Retailing
Neely, R.C. (Ray) .....	Newsagency
Paddison, R.M. (Ron) .....	Concrete Blocks Manufacturer
Patterson, R.G. (Bob) .....	Garage Service
Read, H.T. (Harold) .....	Delicatessen
Roberts, E. (Ted) .....	General Law Practice
Sutcliffe, D. (Don) .....	Building Construction
Swinton, A.D. (Tony) .....	Welding Equipment Manufacturer
Wailes, L.A. (Les) .....	Restaurant Equipment Manufacturer
Whitmore, J.W. (John) .....	Concrete Products Manufacturer
Wood, J.J.P. (John) .....	Mechanical Engineering
Young, W. (Bill) .....	Plumbing

# **ROTARY CLUB IN 1961 - 1962**

## **FOUNDATION OF THE CLUB**

From July 1961 the District Governor's Special Representative, J M (Morrie) Gibb, assisted by Rotarian D R (Doug) Downing, visited 60 potential members.

Sleath Lowrey, District Governor of District 275, had requested the Rotary Club of Parramatta act as a sponsoring Club for a new Club in the Wentworthville - Blacktown area. Les Genner, as President, agreed to the request on behalf of the Parramatta Club.

The territorial boundaries, ceded by Parramatta, had Wentworthville to the east and Blacktown to the west. Although Blacktown was the larger of the two major centres, Wentworthville was chosen as the visitations had shown that 22 of the 24 Charter members were from the eastern side of the Club's territory.

## **COMMENCEMENT OF THE CLUB**

The organisational meeting of the Provisional Rotary Club of Wentworthville was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1961, under the chairmanship of Past President Morrie Gibb, the District Governor's Special Representative.

This meeting, at Belhaven in Wentworthville, was attended by DG Sleath Lowrey, President of the Parramatta Club Les Genner, a number of Parramatta Rotarians and potential members of the new Club.

The first meeting as a Provisional Club was held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 1961. At this meeting 24 prospective members paid their joining fee and semi-annual dues. Club Officers and Directors were elected, and documents containing the Club's application for admission into Rotary International were signed.

It was a matter of pride that the first issue of the Club Bulletin was published and distributed at this meeting. Tony Swinton and Les Wailes were its first co-editors. The bulletin's title, The Activator, was adopted with the issue of 21<sup>st</sup> December 1961.

The notification of the granting of a Charter was received by cable on 16<sup>th</sup> November 1961. The General Secretary of Rotary International George Means, wrote letters congratulating and welcoming the Rotary Club of Wentworthville upon its admission to the membership of Rotary International.

The Charter Night was held at the Commodore Restaurant, Grace Bros. in Parramatta, on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 1961. Les Genner, assisted by Stan Kelly and Bruce Smith of the Rotary Club of Parramatta, introduced and inducted the Charter members.

DG Sleath Lowrey presented the Charter to the Club. The Rotary International Representative present on the night was Doug Stewart, first Vice-President of Rotary International.

PP Morrie Gibb and Rotarian Doug Downing were congratulated for the fine organisation that resulted in the presentation of the Charter only three weeks after it was granted.

## EARLY ACTIVITIES

In 1961 - 1962 under the leadership of President John Whitmore and Vice President Frank Hartman, the new Club adopted Employer - Employee Relations as a Vocational Service Project.

Eighty dollars was presented to The Rotary Foundation. Members were presented with a Four Way Test Plaque and eight silver spoons were presented to members with 100% attendance for 1961 - 1962.

A joint Rotary Information Meeting with the Rotary Clubs of Epping, Lidcombe and North Bankstown was addressed by First Vice-President of Rotary International, ADG Doug Stewart.

At the first Changeover, John Whitmore and John Wood were reinstalled as President and Secretary for another term as they had only served seven months in these positions.

John Wood, assisted by his wife Vera, in July 1962 took over the position of Bulletin Editor (due to Tony Swinton's resignation) in addition to his position as Secretary of the Club.



Changeover from John Whitmore to Ted Hicks

## CHANGE OF NAMES AND VENUES

### WENTWORTHVILLE TO BLACKTOWN

The territorial boundaries of the Rotary Club of Wentworthville had Wentworthville to the east and Blacktown to the west. Although Blacktown was the larger of the two major centres, Wentworthville was chosen as 22 of the 24 Charter Members were from the eastern end of the Club's territory.

During the Club's early years it became apparent that the placement of the Club at the Wentworthville side of the Club's area was a miscalculation in that membership was being attracted from the western end of the territory. At this time the question of splitting the Club was unwarranted.

At a meeting of the Board of the Rotary Club of Wentworthville on 17<sup>th</sup> December 1963, it was decided that for the future prosperity of the Club a change of venue and name was necessary.

It was agreed to recommend the name of the Club be changed to the Rotary Club of Prospect. The use of the District name 'Prospect' was chosen for two reasons:

1. the Club's territorial limits were within the Parish of Prospect and
2. by using a District name it was felt the Club would lose any parochial identification and the new name and location would have a stimulating effect on membership which was badly needed.

This proposal was accepted by the Club and forwarded on 28<sup>th</sup> January 1964 to the Board of Directors of Rotary International (RI) for approval. The Board of Rotary International informed the Club that it was necessary to base a Rotary Club in a town with a Post Office.

At a meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1964, a resolution submitted by the Club's Board, recommending the name of the Club be changed to the Rotary Club of Blacktown was finally and unanimously adopted. It is worth recording that 'this motion was accomplished not without a great deal of controversy.'

Rotary International ratified the change of name on 28<sup>th</sup> September 1964.

On 4<sup>th</sup> August 1964 it was decided to change the venue of the regular meetings to the Millers Hotel Motel in Kildare Road, Blacktown. The first meeting at the new venue was held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1964. The move resulted in a marked development of fellowship within the Club.

## **BLACKTOWN TO BLACKTOWN CITY**

When Blacktown was made a City in 1979, the Board recommended the name of the Club be changed to the Rotary Club of Blacktown City. This proposal was accepted by the Club and, on this occasion, the Board of Rotary International accepted the proposal.

It was hoped that in the future Rotary Clubs of Blacktown City North and of Blacktown City South would be charted.

## **PENDLE HILL PROJECT**

As one of its first projects, the Club, in association with the Pendle Hill Chamber of Commerce and the Holroyd Municipal Council, undertook to beautify a small open area in the Pendle Hill Shopping area at the corner of Joyce Street and Pendle Way.

The area was surrounded by a low retaining wall. A fountain with a Rotary Wheel and plaque on top was erected and a garden was planted with shrubs and grass around the fountain.

The fountain was designed by President John Whitmore's foreman and was manufactured by his company, National Concrete Products Pty. Ltd.

The completed project was formally handed over to the Mayor of Holroyd representing the community at a simple ceremony on the afternoon of Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 1963. Members of the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce were in attendance.

The Club fully supported a Fete, which was held in conjunction with the 'Handing-over Ceremony'. Proceeds of the Rotary stall were allocated to the International House Appeal.

The organisation of the Hand-over and Fete was in the hands of Rotarian Tom Davis. A record crowd of 2,000 was present on the day.

As a matter of interest, the Club's minutes, dated 7<sup>th</sup> July 1964, have the following information: 'A letter was tabled from Mr V. Johnson relative to an accident which occurred adjacent to the Rotary Fountain in Pendle Way and a resulting damage claim. Mr Johnson was advised to contact the authority responsible, the Municipal Council of Holroyd'.

Another matter of interest is the following note from John Whitmore, dated 8<sup>th</sup> January, 1972; 'Vandals wrecked the fountain shortly after its installation and its use as a fountain was impossible. A few years ago I wrote to the Club suggesting that the whole thing be removed but received no reply'.

## **SCHOOL OLYMPICS - 1962**

The idea of organising a Cumberland 'School Olympics' was proposed by Alan Thomas of the Rotary Club of Parramatta.

His idea was that all High Schools in the Parramatta and the surrounding District should be invited to attend a miniature Olympic Games, each school to represent a different country and the competitors to appear in the costumes and with the flag of the country represented.

The project was supported by nine Rotary Clubs and six Apex Clubs.

Some thirty High Schools took part in the Games which were in the form of a combined Athletics Sports Meeting held at Cumberland Oval on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1962. Each school represented a foreign country and competed under the flag of that country.

International Understanding was fostered by arranging for Diplomatic Representatives to visit the schools prior to the Games. All schools entertained the Representatives, their wives and families at a luncheon. Afterwards each Representative addressed the pupils. This was well received by the schools concerned and aroused the interest of the pupils.

The Club's International Service Director, Vice-President Ted Hicks, detailed what was envisaged in the School Olympics at a meeting of the Club. The Club agreed to support the project. Apart from a direct donation of \$20 to meet the organisational expenses, on the day of the 'Olympics' several members of the Club gave their services in various capacities.

Ted Hicks was directly responsible for organising a Torch Run from Blacktown High School to Cumberland Oval, the Parade and the March Past of the athletes in 'their' national costumes.

It was felt the Project was a great success in developing International Understanding and in the enthusiastic response of all concerned in the Olympics.

## TRI-DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

### 1968 - 1969

Districts 268 and 275 set up a scheme whereby successful applicants could be awarded Fellowships to work and study in countries north of Australia. On the formation of District 269 the scheme was renamed the Tri-District International Fellowship.

Ethel Toth in 1968 and Julie Bruest in 1969 were nominated by the Rotary Club of Blacktown. However, they were unsuccessful in gaining a Fellowship.

### 1973

In September 1973, thirty young men and women were interviewed by the International Fellowship Committee and three awards were granted. One of the award recipients was **Michael Knight**, a nominee of the Rotary Club of Blacktown and an ex-student of Doonside High School.

Michael was the first awardee from a Club in the western area. He intended to study the Tribal Legal System in New Guinea. Unfortunately, because of a change in the political climate in New Guinea, and for personal reasons, Michael had to return home and give up the Award.



Michael Knight at the closing ceremony of the 1996 Summer Paralympics

The International Fellowship Committee decided to meet all of Michael's expenses even though he had not met the full conditions of the Award.

After his return Michael addressed the Club on the Legal System in New Guinea.

**Michael Steven Knight AO** received a Bachelor of Arts with Honours from the University of Sydney.

Michael worked for the Campbelltown City Council as a social planner and parole officer before entering politics.

He was the State Member for Campbelltown in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly between 1981 and 2001. He served as Minister for the Olympics between 1995 and 2001 in the Carr Labor government.

## **ART AND CRAFT SHOWS**

In October 1977, Bruce Carne and Alex Pedersen were asked to organise an Art Show. President Russ Dickens promised to exhibit for sale 100 boards of string art that he had obtained from a South American.

Bruce and Alex recommended to President Russ that he approach Peter Garske to act as Art Show Committee Chairman. As a result Peter and Jann Garske, with the sterling support of Alex Pedersen, were responsible for the birth of an exuberant and healthy Art Show held at the Police Boys Club.

Peter and Jann believed that an Art Show is a project providing the Community with an opportunity to view works of Art and Craft within their own area. The Garskes, assisted by Club members, organised Art Shows from 1978 to 1984. These Shows benefited the Club as they proved a successful fund raising venture, benefiting the Community and International activities funded by the Club.

The first show raised \$1,500. The funds raised in 1979, and from then on averaged between \$4,000 and \$5,000. During the period from 1978 to 1984 approximately \$25,000 was raised from the Art Shows and spent on a variety of Club projects.

The number of paintings exhibited averaged between 500 and 700. The reputation of the Show was such that well known artists wrote asking for entry forms. As a result the standard of the paintings exhibited improved each year.

The venue for the Art Show changed to Evans High School in 1979, and then to the Bowman Hall in the Civic Centre in Blacktown in 1983.

A schools' Art Competition for drawings of an animal from Featherdale Wildlife Park, Doonside was judged prior to the 1983 Art Show and the winning entries were exhibited at the Show.

The Friday night openings, admission by ticket and including a Champagne Supper, were most successful with entertaining guest speakers, a pleasant social get-together, and the opportunity of purchasing good paintings and craft.

The Club continued to organise Arts and Craft Shows until 1984.

## **MIGRANT FAMILIES AND THE CLUB**

### **THE FIRST FAMILY**

In the 1967 - 1968 Rotary year the Club contacted the Rotary Club of Renfrew in Scotland regarding the migration of a selected family. Director David Blackledge reported that the Commonwealth Immigration Department was advised of the Club's action.

The Renfrew Club advised that the McFarlane family, consisting of a father, mother and nine children, had accepted the sponsorship of the Blacktown Club.

Mike Ahern, while in London on leave of absence from the Club, was asked by Dick White to take direct action at Australia House concerning problems with the migration scheme.



The McFarlane family finally arrived in Australia in September 1968, under the 'Bring out a Briton' scheme. This was the largest family sponsored by the Rotary Club.

The family was met on arrival and transported to a furnished four-bedroom house at Mt Druitt. The house was rent free for two weeks and available to the family until their own home was completed and furnished.

Ross Geary had guaranteed one month's employment if no other employment was available. Mr McFarlane however was employed as a Sales Manager soon after his arrival.

When the family attended the Club's Christmas meeting at the Blacktown Bowling Club on 17<sup>th</sup> December 1968, Mrs McFarlane commented: 'the Rotary Club has certainly organised a warm welcome to Australia for us'. The Club expressed its appreciation of Dick White's efforts in co-ordinating this scheme.

## OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

In 1969 the NSW Immigration Department invited the Rotary Clubs of Blacktown and St Marys to participate in their scheme for migrants with large families. This scheme made it possible for large families that had been previously rejected to come to Australia because of their size.

The Department had obtained four furnished four-bedroom houses at Mt Druitt. The houses were rent-free to the families for two weeks. The families then paid rent until they had built and furnished their own homes.

The Club's responsibility was to meet the family on arrival by plane or ship, welcome and transport them to Mt Druitt, at the same time giving them some insight into Australia and the Club area in particular.

The Blacktown Club was assisted by the Rotary Club of Mt Druitt. Members of the Mt Druitt Club were able to provide advice on the local area.

In 1970 problems associated with the Immigration Scheme were discussed with the State Immigration Authorities by the Rotary Clubs of Blacktown, Mt Druitt and St Marys. The advice of the Clubs was incorporated in a letter forwarded to intending migrants. Congratulations were expressed to Past President Jim Moffatt and the other Rotarians involved.

## **FAMILIES IN 1969 - 1970**

In 1969 - 1970 the Club, in association with Mt Druitt, met and provided transport to Mt Druitt for the migrant families.

The families were supplied with groceries for one day. Rotarian Doug Moore took on himself the task of raising the funds to provide these groceries. This he did successfully through the game – Heads & Tails.

Two families were welcomed, the Crowthers and the Hendersons. Due to incomplete briefing in London, these families arrived with funds far below the minimum required. The two Clubs rallied to their assistance.

In February 1970 a third family, Mr and Mrs Reilly and six children, were welcomed. Mr Reilly was in possession of \$1,000 cash and had already joined a medical fund before leaving England. He commenced work with the Blacktown Council four days after his arrival.

In March and April 1970 three groups of migrant families were welcomed. The first group on 9<sup>th</sup> March consisted of four families and required a bus to transport them. This group received considerable local publicity. Up to May 1970 six more families were welcomed.

## **FAMILIES IN 1970 - 1971, 1971 – 1972**

The Migrant sub-Committee under the leadership of Doug Moore and Bill Bownes welcomed into Australia eight British migrant families, for a total of 70 people including children and in one case ‘in-laws’.

Due to a change in Government Policy only one large migration family arrived in 1971 - 1972. This was Mr and Mrs Robertson and their eight children.

The grand co-operative project of the two Clubs, Blacktown and Mt Druitt, was greatly appreciated by all the families concerned. In all there were twenty families, involving 160 people of whom 120 were children.

## **ADULT LITERACY CLASSES**

Foundation President John Whitmore was astonished to learn that one of his employees, a young man in his early twenties, could not read or write and was actually embarrassed by this inability. So much so that he had managed to conceal it from his friends and associates for some years.

A second case of an illiterate adult was reported by Community Service Director Harold Read. President John made enquiries among his associates and came to the conclusion there were other adult illiterates in the District. He raised the problem at a Rotary Board meeting.

Many reasons were given for this illiteracy:

- a) some people with every opportunity to learn at school had a mental block (today known as dyslexia)
- b) others had suffered severe interruption to their schooling, e.g. home environment, constant change of schools or absences due to illness.

As early as 17<sup>th</sup> January 1962 the Cumberland Argus carried an article on the Club's campaign against illiteracy. This was followed by a news broadcast by the ABC on their television and radio stations.

As a result, a number of adults contacted the Club and expressed an interest in a course to help adult illiterates. Rotarians met the people concerned and promised to accompany them when they enrolled in a class.

At the Rotary Club's Board meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 1962 it was agreed that Ted Hicks, an inspector in the Education Department, should approach the Department. Club Director Harold Read should approach the Principal of Westmead High School for Boys to discuss the problems of adult illiterates and to discover what facilities were available to help alleviate the problem.

The Principal of the High School referred Harold Read to Alan Kelly, Principal of the Westmead Evening College. Alan was later to become a member of the Rotary Club of Blacktown.

As a result of these discussions, it was agreed that the Education Department would conduct a class for adult illiterates at the Westmead Evening College and the Department would pay the salary of the teacher. The Rotary Club agreed to publicise the course and to pay the first term fees for all students who might enrol.

Adult literacy classes commenced at the Westmead Evening College on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 1962 with an enrolment of twelve men and two women with ages ranging from 17 to 40 years. Mr Daly, the first teacher, reported that the students were so self conscious that the classes were held in a room away from the rooms used by the other students at the College.

Over the next couple of years the numbers in the class fluctuated between 12 and 20 with the students coming mainly from the area between Parramatta and Blacktown.

By the end of 1965 after four years approximately 100 students had attended the 'Rotary Literacy Classes' for varying periods. Two of the older students, who were original members of the Class, by 1963 were able to read the daily newspaper. When the above information was reported in the Parramatta Advertiser, both of the Sunday newspapers ran full-page articles on the work being done. As a result of this publicity, the enrolment leapt to 100 students spread over four classes held on two nights each week.

Since at this time Westmead Evening College was the only centre conducting these classes in the entire Sydney area and probably in the whole state, students came from far and wide. Some travelled many miles to attend the classes. One man travelled from the Wollongong area, others from the Eastern Suburbs, the Northern Suburbs, West of Penrith and North of Windsor. After the first rush the numbers settled down to a regular 60 to 70, in three classes.

As the need was recognised, the other Evening Colleges throughout NSW commenced classes for Adult Illiterates. The lasting and continuing benefits of this idea from the Rotary Club of Wentworthville/Blacktown must be one of the notable successes of Rotary in this State.

The Club's initiative in locating a need and taking remedial action received unexpected recognition from two sources.

At a Club meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 1963 when two students from the Rotary Literacy Program presented a letter written by themselves thanking the Club for having given them the opportunity to learn to read and write, another letter was received.

The second letter was from the District Governor-Elect, Alan Wood, written at the 1963 Rotary International Convention held in St Louis, which stated 'inter-alia' – 'yesterday morning at the Plenary Sessions of the Convention there was an elaborate stage presentation illustrating Rotary in action around the world. I am writing this letter to congratulate the Rotary Club of Wentworthville on the fact that your project (in setting up literacy classes) was one of the portrayals, the only one from Australia. When you consider how many Clubs and how many Districts there are in Rotary International, it was really something'.

## **APPRENTICESHIP/VOCATIONAL TAFE AWARDS**

In October 1975 John Virtue, Vocational Service Director initiated an Award Scheme for the top First Year Apprentice at Blacktown Technical College. The Award was won by Mark Howard who was presented with \$100 worth of tools of his choice.

The presentation was made at a Club meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> December 1975 in the presence of the Principal of the College, Ray James and the Head of the Automotive Section, Mr Kirby.

The meeting was addressed by Mr Alan Cross of the Apprenticeship Directorate, Department of Labour and Industry.

In July 1976 John Smith, Vocational Service Director, was authorised to investigate the most desired year for the recipient of an award and also the nature of the award.

Alex Pedersen had been appointed in charge of the Apprenticeship Awards. John and Alex finally came up with the following proposal.

The basis of Apprenticeship Awards was:

1. The awards are to be presented in each of the four Trade Courses conducted at Blacktown Technical College, an idea first raised by Bob Bensley.
2. The apprentices selected are not to be adjudged on academic attainments in the final tests but on outstanding application and attitude throughout the whole of the course.
3. The awards, consisting of a medallion and a printed testimonial certificate, are to be presented at a Club meeting in November/December.

It was considered that the presentation of a printed testimonial would enable the student to provide evidence of the receipt of the award along with other certificates when job interviews were being held.

The awardees are to be selected by the Heads of each Trade Course in conjunction with the teachers in these courses.

After the proposal was approved by the Board, Alex Pedersen met with the Principal and the four Head Teachers College, presented the restructured scheme and obtained their approval and support.

In 1987 - 1988 the Apprenticeship Award Scheme became the Vocational Award Scheme.

The TAFE College then was conducting seven Vocational Courses:

1. Automotive Engineering
2. Electrical Trades
3. Engineering Trades
4. Building
5. Business Administration Studies
6. Office Administration
7. Fashion

Tom Robinson was responsible for implementing this change.

In 1991 there are nine Vocational Courses at the Blacktown TAFE College, including Fitting and Machinery, Welding and General Studies.

On the Award Nights at a Club Meeting, the Blacktown TAFE College awardees together with their friends, parents and TAFE staff are entertained by the Club before the presentations are made.

Reports from the employers have confirmed the suitability of the choices made by the College authorities. The awardees, their parents and the College Staff have expressed to the Club their appreciation over the years for introducing this Scheme.

Today the Awardees are presented with a personalised plaque and certificate and a letter from the President outlining the background to the Award and congratulating them on their success.

## **NIRIMBA TAFE AWARDS**

Since 1975 the Rotary Club of Blacktown City had successfully presented Vocational Awards at the Blacktown College of TAFE. When Kathy Meyer, who held a Senior Manager's position at the Western Sydney Institute of TAFE – Nirimba was inducted into our Club on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2006 Kathy was very keen for the Rotary TAFE Awards to be implemented into the Nirimba College of TAFE.

The then Mayor of Blacktown City, Councillor Leo Kelly OAM, was also keen to see our Awards expanded to Nirimba TAFE having attended, in his role as Mayor, TAFE Award Presentation Evenings at the Blacktown College.

After our Board approved the expansion of the Awards Special Events Co-ordinator David Bamford met, in June 2007, with Arlene Gofers (Director Nirimba TAFE), Kathy Meyer, Margie Marsh and Michael Ohlsen from Nirimba TAFE and provided an overview of the Awards that we've been running successfully at Blacktown TAFE for 33 years and advised we wanted to introduce similar Awards at Nirimba given Blacktown Council's increased sponsorship. Arlene and her staff were extremely keen to partner with Rotary in this new venture.

David requested TAFE investigate holding the Presentation Evening on-site in late October or early November 2007 and advised we wanted to also provide a Scholarship for a student undertaking a Diploma course at Nirimba. The recipient was to be selected by TAFE management and the Scholarship would range from \$1,000 - \$1,500.

The theatre at Nirimba held up to 140 which was suitable and there is an area where we can have finger food. There was an offer by TAFE to conduct a tour of the facilities for our members and could also provide musical entertainment by students.

The inaugural Nirimba TAFE Award Presentation Evening was held on-site on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2007. Blacktown City Council provided \$2,500 towards the Awards and it was Mayor Leo Kelly OAM who presented the Awards and the Scholarship. The Scholarship concept was subsequently introduced at the Blacktown College of TAFE Awards.

## **JOHN WATSON MEMORIAL AWARD**

John Watson joined our Club on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1973 under the classification of Printing. John enjoyed Rotary and was instrumental in introducing many new members through his business contacts.

Following his death, his wife Marie and the family made a donation to the Club that has been used to finance an award in John's name. The Award was originally presented at the Western Sydney Industrial and Commercial Training Committee (WSICTC) Awards to the Regional Apprentice of Western Sydney. The awardee was presented with a personalised plaque, certificate and letter from the President. The plaque and certificate had the quote 'From what we get, we make a living; what we give, however, makes a life'. Arthur Ashe.

### Awardees:

1994 Gavin Smith  
1995 Gavin Shields  
1996 Michael Gatt  
1997 Jason Garbutt  
1998 James Lewry

In 1999 Mr Terry Mangan, Director of the Western Sydney Institute of TAFE - Blacktown College approached the Club to see if we would like to be part of the Annual Western Sydney Institute of TAFEs' Excellence Awards. We had not been happy with the profile given to Rotary at the WSICTC Awards and accepted the offer to continue our long-standing partnership with the TAFE.

As a result, in 1999 the Club became the sponsor of a major award; for Blacktown College's Most Outstanding Student. In addition to the plaque, certificate and letter the awardee receives \$500.

The Most Outstanding Students at Blacktown College have been:

1998 Kevin Want  
1999 Mark Savige  
1999 Vesna Zecevic

# VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

In October 1991 Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow Gunther Geyer travelled to New Guinea to teach students at the Badili Training Centre and The Salvation Army Training Centre basic sewing machine repairs and maintenance skills. Gunther found the interest shown by the students most rewarding

After his return Gunther repaired donated machines, which were forwarded to Papua New Guinea.

## PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS



The Pride of Workmanship Awards come under the Vocational Service umbrella and has the motto 'Do it once, do it well - Build a better Australia'. Awards are generally presented annually to five or six recipients who have shown to provide 'value added service'. Nominations are made by Club members, friends, managers and business owners.

Each recipient, partner and nominee are invited to a Club meeting as guests of the Club and receive a personalised plaque, certificate and letter from the President. Quite often recipients also invite family and friends to the evening and the Awards are widely appreciated.

Rather than present a large number of Awards on the one presentation evening the Club prefers to present fewer Awards. The Club would then hold a second presentation evening and by adopting this approach it provides a more personal touch for the recipients.

## PRINCESS OF BLACKTOWN QUESTS

### THE 1988 QUEST

As PolioPlus was the Club's major project for the 1987 - 1988 year a fund raising committee was formed consisting of John Harris, Bob Smith and Bob Vincent. 'The Princess of Blacktown Quest', the brainchild of Bob Vincent, was born.

Bob Vincent and John Harris were the driving forces behind the Quest and they devoted a lot of time and effort to get things moving after a very slow start. Seventeen girls were involved in the Quest. The fifteen entrants were supported by their two hostesses, Lisa Vincent and Simone McKechnie.

Funds were raised from raffles through the efforts of the Rotary Club and the entrants. The sum of \$19,280 was distributed - 50% to the Rotary PolioPlus Project, 25% to local charities and 25% to charities chosen by the entrants.

A cabaret was held to launch the Quest. At the cabaret the fifteen Princess Quest entrants were presented to the Mayor of the City of Blacktown, Past President of the Rotary Club of Blacktown City Russ Dickens, in the presence of 400 guests.

A Swim-a-thon, in support of the Quest and organised by Lisa Vincent, was a great success, with \$2,320 being raised. Many thanks must go to the whole Vincent Family for the unselfish efforts and time they devoted to the Quest.

A float, sponsored by Rosskelly Waste Removals and constructed by Peter Price and his helpers, was the Club's entry in the 1988 Blacktown City Festival Parade. It carried many of the Princess Quest entrants and was a colourful vehicle which won first prize in the Community Section of the Parade.

Rotary Club members, their wives and the Quest entrants manned a stall at the festival that raised \$596.

The Quest and fund raising culminated in October 1988 when a presentation night was held at the Diamond Auditorium of the Blacktown Workers' Club. The winners of the Princess of Blacktown Quest and the Charity Princess Quest were announced. They and the runners-up were presented with travel prizes for the Princesses and gift vouchers for the runners-up.

John Harris, Bob Vincent and Bob Smith were publicly recognised and acknowledged for their outstanding efforts in arranging and conducting the Princess Quest in support of the PolioPlus Program.

## **THE 1989 QUEST**

The 1989 Princess of Blacktown Quest raised funds for the Life Education Centre at Colyton. This was quietly and efficiently organised by David Bamford and a number of Rotarians who obtained sponsors for the Quest and the donation of a boat, motor and trailer as first prizes in a major raffle to go towards the Quest funds.

This Quest raised \$30,355. The net proceeds \$14,900 were distributed as follows:

- \$11,000 to the Life Education Centre (at Colyton) for Alcohol/Drug Education
- \$3,900 to the Charities selected by the eight entrants in the Quest.

Presentations were made at a Gala Presentation Evening held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 1989.

## **YEAR OF OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

When Dick White was nominated as District Governor for 1984 - 1985, the Club members felt they would need an experienced Rotarian as President that year to run the Club's program and carry out the activities expected of it as the Club of the District Governor.

Ian Scharkie was felt to be best qualified to serve as President for this year, with his experience as a former District Governor of Apex and as a Past President of this Club.

Tom Robinson filled the onerous role of District Secretary and John Wood manfully undertook the frustrating job of District Attendance Officer, as well as Assistant District Secretary.

The main challenge for the Club was to promote and organise the District Conference. After a long search and a false start at Shellharbour, the Ex-Serviceman's Club at Orange was chosen as the venue - the first time that Orange had been used for a District Conference.

A Conference Committee was formed and consisted of:

<b>Chairman</b>	Ian Scharkie
<b>Secretary</b>	Bob Gardiner
<b>Co-ordinator</b>	Alex Pedersen
<b>Registrar</b>	John Wood
<b>Treasurer</b>	David Bamford

With Dick White and Tom Robinson, this group met monthly, mainly on Sundays, for some 18 months prior to the Conference in March 1985.



After much debate on the choice of keynote speakers the following were invited and accepted; the Bush Bishop Howell Witt (an inspired choice), Professor Dame Leonie Kramer and psychologist Hugh McKay.

Dick White asked that the program should be innovative, educational and entertaining. The Club provided all three in a program of which the highlights were:

- 'Rocket', which opened the Conference after a countdown, was 'fired' from the rear of the hall to the front above the stage with sound and smoke effects
- the 'Rocket' was constructed and erected by Ron and Kevin Boxall after they heard some wishful thinking by Dick White, about wanting something dramatic to fit in with the RI President's Theme of 'Discover a New World of Service'
- the countdown and sound effects were organised by Bob Gardiner with the help of the radio station in Orange
- the 'firing' was so successful it was repeated by popular request on the Sunday morning
- an apple was used as the Conference emblem, significant as the Conference was being held in the biggest apple growing area in Australia. A large apple was hung at the back of the stage and at each session, to illustrate that we had had another 'bite of Rotary', a bite mark appeared in the apple until only the core was left
- no nametags were used for speakers as an electronic sign above the stage was run with flair and humour by Graham Harper
- the registration information was computerised for the first time by David Bamford and John Wood, who spent many weekends at the keyboard. Each attendee was given an itemised list of the functions they were attending.

The Committee covered every last detail in order to produce a smooth running Conference. Alex Pedersen produced minutes of the committee meetings and prepared action plans and role definitions for every job associated with the Conference.

Despite this attention to detail some things did not go as planned, such as just before the main Conference dinner the Head Chef nearly cut off a finger and had to be taken to hospital, or when a meal area in the Club was found, at the last minute, to be in the licensed area and juveniles could not be allowed in.

On the Sunday morning, despite detailed plans, the stage setting was found to be incorrect and again was corrected by Alex Pedersen with little time to spare.

Small things, but each had the potential to produce situations that would have reflected on the whole Conference. Many stories could be told but the final result was a Conference acclaimed as a great success. But the real success was the united effort of all the Club members who responded in supporting the Governor and his Conference.

## **COMMENTS ON 'THE BIG APPLE' CONFERENCE**

DG Dick and Chairman Ian received many complimentary letters after the Conference.

'The Big Apple District Conference had everything - superb organisation, keynote speakers of high quality, well organised discussions and a friendly, good humoured atmosphere.'

'Dick, your whole Club supported you and worked diligently for the success of your Conference.'

# **THE SALVATION ARMY AND THE CLUB**

## **GENERAL PROJECTS**

The Rotary Club of Blacktown City has worked closely with the Blacktown Salvation Army in its Community Service Projects. The Club's part in Red Shield Appeals is another article.

A working bee, consisting of Rotarians lead by David Stone was held on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 1985. The 'Fellows' established rockeries and planted trees in the grounds of The Salvation Army's New Citadel in Kempsey St Blacktown. At the opening of the Citadel, Club members conducted a barbecue that was enjoyed by those present.

## **PROSPECT YOUTH CENTRE**

In 1985 Rotarian John Smith was working with the Department of Planning and became aware that a area of land situated in Prospect which was previously set aside as a buffer zone between the M4 and the Great Western Highway, was going to become available for lease.

Through John's efforts The Salvation Army was given the opportunity to lease the land at a 'peppercorn' rental.

Thus The Salvation Army in 1987 - 1988 decided to renovate an old poultry farm once owned by one of our members, John Heath. When Club members heard of this the Community Service Committee adopted it as their main project for the year.

Members of the Club made a great effort and succeeded in painting the caretaker's house and bringing it to a liveable condition. Further work was then done in cleaning up the grounds.

The Salvation Army set up a Farm Management Committee. Rotarians joined members of the Committee for a barbecue at the Prospect Youth Farm on 30<sup>th</sup> January 1988. This was the first of many joint meetings and the Club donated \$100 towards the cost of the barbecue.

The Farm was to be used in a Rehabilitation Program for the youth in the community, a very worthwhile project.

The next work carried out by Rotarians was the erection of tables and chairs in the grounds so that barbeques could be held in comfort.

In 1988 - 1989 a Prospect Farm Advisory Committee was set up by The Salvation Army. The Committee consisted of members of the Army, Rotarians, members of Community Groups and representatives of various Government bodies. The Committee meetings proved a valuable forum.

The Project was now well established with the Army committing many thousands of dollars to establish the 'Employment 2000' Scheme that aims to teach job skills to the long-term unemployed.

During 1988 - 1989 the Youth Farm undertook a project to allow those under Community Service Orders to fulfil their orders by working at the Prospect Centre.

Rotary's project was the beautification of the grounds at the corner of Reservoir Road and the Great Western Highway. Without the help of those under Community Service Orders it is doubtful if the Project would ever have got off the ground as the cost of clearing the land would have been prohibitive. Nearly 6,000 hours were served under the Community Service Orders.

On 18<sup>th</sup> November 1989 the official opening of The Salvation Army Job-Link Project at Prospect was carried out by Mrs Kathryn Greiner, the NSW Premier's wife. She arrived by helicopter landing right in the middle of a dry dusty patch. The short 'dust storm' added to the excitement of the afternoon.

The Blacktown City Salvation Army Band set the mood by providing musical support.

The Job-Link Centre in 1991 was being used for hospitality training and literacy and numeracy courses to assist the unemployed in the community.

Again in 1988 - 1989 several Rotary Club members gave much of their free time on working bees that converted an old packing shed into a crisis accommodation unit to be principally available for use by the Blacktown Police in domestic violence situations.

The Club purchased timber for the window and door frames for the Crisis Centre. Plumbing and landscaping were also part of the project and fly-screens were also fitted.

In March 1990 the Rotary/Salvation Army Community Project, the Domestic Violence Crisis Unit at Prospect was officially opened by John Aquilina, M.L.A.

The Unit in 1991 was used to accommodate, on a short-term basis, women and children who have been victims of domestic violence. A laundry tub and a hand basin were also installed at the Crisis Unit.

This Unit was unique at the time of the opening and the Rotary Club of Blacktown City received a Rotary Award for a Community Service Project for its part in the Project.

A point of interest: Maurie Hill, Salvation Army Officer in charge at Prospect, was made an honorary member of the Rotary Club on 19<sup>th</sup> June 1990 and was inducted as a full member on 18<sup>th</sup> June 1991.

During early 1991 Rotary members helped in the renovation of a shed at the Centre. This shed was built to serve as a shelter and a Community Canteen in conjunction with a netball field.

## **DONATIONS IN KIND (DIK)**

It was at this time that Donations in Kind, which had recently been formed after cyclone Namu struck the Solomon Islands, entered into an arrangement with The Salvation Army to use one of the very old poultry sheds as a storage facility for goods donated to DIK.

Volunteers regularly attended to sort and pack items that were then dispatched to overseas destinations. The club continued major involvement when Bob Bensley succeeded Tony Jones as DIK Co-ordinator. In turn Barry McConville was followed by Ken Nicholls who made sure that Blacktown was called upon for support whenever he needed assistance.

When The Salvation Army eventually sold the Prospect land and moved to Minchinbury in 2007 they very generously gave DIK long term occupancy rights to a large storage shed in which to store and pack goods for overseas destinations.

Ray Read, District Governor 1989 - 1990 of District 969 wrote at the time: 'The Rotarians of Blacktown City climaxed a great deal of work and effort when they attended the opening of The Salvation Army/Rotary Prospect Youth Project - a 30 acre site being developed into a community facility with a job Training Program called Job-Link, a Crisis Centre and a Family Refuge Unit'.



## **CLUB MEMBERS INVOLVEMENT WITH RAWCS (FAIM)**



Bob Bensley and Ron Boxall were volunteers in 1987 to the Solomon Islands School Rebuilding Project of which Dick White was the national Chairman.

Dick White went to the Solomons as Vice Chairman of Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) to help organise the anti-malaria program financed by a \$500,000 Health, Hunger and Humanity and Matching Grants from The Rotary Foundation in

1998. In 1999 he flew to PNG in a four-seater plane with PDG Alan Grady to erect water tanks at a number of villages and schools.



In September 1990 John Smith, David Stone and Bob Bensley (middle row) travelled to PNG to assist with the erection and maintenance of school buildings at Brahman, a Catholic mission and school located in the FineStere Ranges some 150 kms west of Madang

In 2010 Daniel Kellie and Nelma Galas went with a medical mission to Caluya Island in the province of Antique, Philippines. In 2011 Daniel Kellie, Mel Gray, Gus Baecker and Nelma Galas returned with a later mission.



## NEW GUINEA PROJECTS

Miss Elaine Geary, a sister of Ross Geary who was an active member of the Rotary Club of Blacktown, was a guest speaker at a Club meeting in May 1968. She spoke of her three years working with the Kunimaipa Tribe (numbering 9000), conducting a Literacy Training Program.

To help her, the Club collected and donated second-hand typewriters, sewing machines, a duplicator, an adding machine together with materials for sewing and knitting classes. In addition some 200 books and magazines were sent.

In November 1968 Aboriginal artefacts were sent by the Club to the Rotary Club of Penang. The display of these artefacts was used to represent Australia at the Annual Conference of District 330.

The New Guinea Project for 1969 - 1970 was the provision of books to establish a children's library at the Capuchin Mission at Tari. The Club sent some 150 books and magazines. 88 of the new books purchased by the Club gained dollar for dollar subsidy from the New Guinea Administration. So in effect, well over 200 books were donated to the library.

The books supplied to the Mission were sufficient to cater for 105 pupils at Primary level including books for a basic science program.

Father Timon Kaple of the Capuchin Mission in Tari wrote to the Club asking if they could obtain a fuel stove of a certain type - this type of stove no longer being manufactured. The stove was to be used in establishing a bakery for the training of girls in the trade.

The stove, donated by Bob Scharkie (Rotarian Ian's brother), was crated by Bill Young and shipped in May 1970. The Department of External Territories agreed to transport the stove to New Guinea free of charge.

As a result of a visit by Father Timon Kaple on his way home to America, Larry Corbett his host and the International Service Director of the Club in 1970 - 1971, wrote to the Mission offering further assistance.

Six pedal sewing machines were reconditioned by Gunther Geyer. These together with twelve Singer sewing machines purchased by the Club were forwarded to New Guinea in 1971. Other sewing machines were crated and shipped in June 1972.

In February 1973 the Club started to investigate whether the sewing machines shipped in 1972 had been delivered. Having received no reply it was decided in April to drop the enquiry. In May 1973 Tari High School acknowledged receipt of the sewing machines. A 32 volt lighting plant was supplied to the Summer Institute of Linguistics, Lae, in August 1972.

In July 1972 the Springfield Avenue Club contacted the Rotary Club asking for assistance so that two Form 2 boys at St Ignatius High School, Aitape, via Wewak might come to Blacktown for a holiday from late November 1972 to early January 1973. The two New Guinea boys, Panscratias and Beno, were pen pals of the Springfield Avenue Club.

Bonds required by the Immigration Authorities were provided and a major contribution was made by the Club towards the cost of the boys' return air fare. The boys were also assisted by Mt Hagen Rotary Club with the Springfield Avenue Club arranging the details for the visit.

In 1974 - 1975 sporting equipment was collected for donation to the New Guinea Educational Authorities for needy schools in the Southern Islands region of Papua.

Six parcels of sporting goods were dispatched in November 1974 to two schools nominated by the authorities. One of the six parcels was returned by the Postal Authorities. The stamps had come off and the school had refused to pay the excess postage. The schools and the authorities failed to reply to correspondence concerning the receipt of the sporting equipment.

Finally the Rotary Club decided to hand over to The Salvation Army the equipment still in hand. The Army was delighted and grateful.

## SOUTH PACIFIC FESTIVAL OF ARTS

In August 1971 Des Parry invited Beth Dean to tell the Club about the South Pacific Festival of Arts.

'It had never been attempted before, the staging in one place (Fiji) of an art and cultural display of all islands and regions in the South Pacific.'

This presentation allowed the world to see and appreciate not only the static display of artefacts but lavish stage presentations of dance, music and other cultural activities. The people involved in the Festival were Hayes Gordon's stage director, Nick Towling, John Antil OBE, an Australian conductor/composer and Ronnie Arnold, one of the finest dancers in Australia. These men gave of their expertise and time free of charge.

Victor Carell was the inspirer and Director of the Festival.

As a result of Beth Dean's visit (incidentally she was the wife of Vic Carell), the major project of the Club's International Service Committee in 1971 - 1972 was the assistance given to the staging of the Festival.

Money raised by raffling a Deep Freeze Domestic Unit donated by Neville Young was used to purchase air tickets from QANTAS who agreed to supply four round trip fares and two single tickets from Nadi to Sydney at a cost of \$700 plus three full page advertisements in 'Rotary Down Under'.

To publicise the Festival and to promote the sale of raffle tickets, artefacts obtained from the organisers were displayed at the 1972 District Conference and the 1972 Changeover Night of the Rotary Club.

As a token of appreciation Vic Carell and members of the Festival visited Blacktown on two occasions.

In the second half of 1972, following the staging of the Festival from 6<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May 1972, Vic Carell accompanied by a Fijian Chief studying theatre in Sydney showed a film depicting details of the South Pacific Festival of Arts at a Club meeting.

In 1973 visiting performers who took part in the Festival were given a formal welcome to Blacktown by the Mayor, Alderman Stone prior to them performing in the Bowman Hall, Blacktown.

During the performance, mention was made of the assistance given by the Rotary Club of Blacktown towards the staging of the Festival.



# **FATHER AND SON MOVEMENT**

## **LECTURES IN 1964 AND 1965**

In 1964 the Rotary Club became involved with the Father and Son Movement of Australia.

Rotarian Ross Geary, working with John Robson, Director of the Movement arranged and organised a series of 17 lectures given by the Father and Son Movement in centres between Blacktown and Wentworthville.

Over 3,000 attended and the sum of \$630 received from admission donations was handed over to the Movement.

The lectures dealt with Sex Education, Marriage and Family Guidance.

Ross Geary reported that assistance received from Club members for the meetings was excellent and at no time was there a shortage of helpers. In the 1964 - 1965 Annual Report, it was noted that 'Community Service Director Ross Geary literally ran himself into the ground to ensure the success of the Father and Son Movement lectures'.

## **MOVEMENT'S OFFICE IN BLACKTOWN**

A meeting of Bruce Carne and other Club members with John Robson of the Movement in August 1965, arranged for the establishment of a Regional Office in Blacktown.

The decision to develop a Regional Centre in Blacktown was made after a survey had been carried out following the extremely successful district-wide lecture series in 1964 and 1965. The Club located suitable office space in Carroll Chambers opposite Blacktown Station. The \$300 to \$400 required to furnish the office was raised at a Barbecue and Games Night held at Ian Scharkie's and organised by Art Verman and the Community Service Committee.

The money raised on the night was supplemented by a night out at the Neutral Bay Music Hall arranged by President John Wood.

Rotarian Bruce Carne organised the painting, carpet laying and furnishing of the office. The Club supplied the office with a typewriter and a wireless.

A meeting of Club members with the local Churches organised volunteer receptionists to man the office that was handed over by President John Wood to the Father and Son Movement in March 1966. In its Annual Report the Movement said 'Well done, Blacktown Rotary'.

## **FURTHER LECTURES**

The Club sponsored and Ross Geary capably organised a second series of Lecture Nights covering an area from Mt Druitt to Wentworthville.

Sixteen lectures were delivered commencing 17<sup>th</sup> April 1967 and finishing 12<sup>th</sup> May 1967. The attendance at the lectures exceeded 4,000.

A surplus of \$977 raised from donations at the lectures was increased to \$1,000 by the Club and donated to the Movement.

All members of the Club participated in this Project and gave every co-operation.

Other lecture series were arranged in 1969 and in 1971.

For the 1971 series 26,000 leaflets were printed and Club members distributed these through 50 schools and 20 churches. The response from the school Principals and the churches was excellent.

The 1971 lectures were attended by approximately 2,200 people. Ross Geary, Bruce Carne and Bill Young were responsible for the smooth running of the meetings.

## **CENTRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

### **NEED FOR A YOUTH CENTRE**

In 1965 Olga Robshaw a Rotarianne and Editor of 'The Blacktown Advocate' suggested to Rotarian Allan Boswell that the most important need in Blacktown was for a Youth Centre.

Allan accepted this challenge and investigated previous attempts to establish such a Centre. Allan and Olga finally decided that the past should be forgotten and the Blacktown Municipal Council should be challenged to set up a Youth Centre.

As a result of Allan's work and the Rotary Club's support the Council set up a 'Drop-in Centre' in Patrick Street, Blacktown.

In the 1972 - 1973 Annual Report it was noted that the Rotary Club was able to help the Blacktown 'Drop-in Centre', established for the use of the young people in the community. It donated to the Centre a cassette tape player. Rotarian Doug Moore took an active interest in this project and kept Club members informed of its progress over a number of years.

### **THE COTTAGE**

In 1975 the Youth Committee gave its support to the Blacktown Youth Advisory Council (BYAC) in the establishing 'The Cottage' in Seven Hills.

'The Cottage' was located at The Salvation Army's premises in Seven Hills, originally the property of the Pigeon Club. The hours of use of the Hall was from 6.00 pm - 11.00 pm, six nights a week. The Salvation Army, assisted by the local churches, controlled the Centre.

The Club donated various items of equipment; namely a stereo record player, an AM-FM radio, records, crockery and cutlery. Joe Blacheby, in particular donated a toaster, a hot sandwich maker and a pie warmer.

During 1975 - 1976 the Youth Centre played an ever increasing role in the life of the youth in the area.

However in June 1976 the Youth Advisory Council notified the Club that the house at Seven Hills would have to be vacated.

## **A YOUTH REFUGE**

The State Government made a grant to establish a Youth Refuge for Homeless Youth in a house donated by the Housing Commission.

The Club agreed the equipment given to 'The Cottage' in Seven Hills should be transferred to the refuge.

In November 1977 Mr R J Booth, Youth Worker at the Blacktown Youth Refuge, asked the Club to provide a hot water service unit and associated piping for the refuge. The unit was donated by Rotarian Russ Dickens, \$470 was set aside by the Club to cover expenses and the unit was installed by voluntary labour provided by the refuge.

## **SCHOOLS AND THE CLUB**

### **LANGUAGE MASTERS**

A Language Master was handed over to the Principal of Girraween Primary School in 1968 - 1969. It was for the use of children in the Slow Learners' classes.

Other Language Masters were, in the years following, donated to Blacktown North, Blacktown South and Lalor Park Primary Schools.

### **BLACKTOWN BOYS HIGH SCHOOL**

At the request of the Blacktown Boys High School P & C Association, the Club in 1972 sponsored the School's Library Art Union.

In 1975 - 1976, \$400 was donated to the School for the purchase of a petrol driven cement mixer. This was to assist the Building Works Course for General Activity pupils.

In the following year the General Activity pupils formed a Community Aid Group. This Group painted a widow's house in Sunnyholt Road with paint supplied by the Rotary Club.

The Group's next project was carried out at the request of the Rotary Club. The Blacktown Community Aid Committee notified the Club of the need for painting internally a cottage at Marayong owned by a deserted wife. The school's Community Aid Group completed this work, the Club again supplying the paint.

In 1979 two calculators were donated to the School as prizes in a Mathematics Competition. In the same year, two additional calculators were presented to the Slow Learners Class at the school.

### **COREEN SPECIAL SCHOOL**

Coreen Public School is a school for Special Purposes assisting handicapped children. In the 1971 - 1972 Annual Report the Club recognised that 'this school is in real need of outside assistance'.

In 1972 the Rotary Club established a Remedial Teaching Unit in the school.

Assistance was requested in July 1975 for members of the Club to participate in work experience programs for Senior pupils at the school. Three Club members assisted.

In 1976 - 1977 the Club assisted the setting up a group known as the 'Friends of the Handicapped Children of Blacktown'. Members of the Club drew up the Group's constitution.

At the request of the 'Friends' \$2,800 from the Rotary Club's first Pro-Am Golf Day was used to purchase a Toyota Commuter Bus with a seating capacity of 14 adults or 21 children under the age of 12 years. This was made possible thanks to a generous price offer made by Mr Nick Apap.

The Club contributed a further \$340 towards the cost and registration of the bus. Fred Williams agreed to repair the bus and Ian Robins arranged for the sign writing on the bus.

### **BLACKTOWN CITY PROCLAMATION PARADE**

The Rotary Club was asked by the Blacktown City Council to contact all schools in the area inviting them to participate in the Blacktown City Proclamation Parade on 9<sup>th</sup> June 1979.

The children were asked to line the Parade route. Principals and P & C Associations were contacted.

This joint City Council - Rotary Club effort was organised by Paul Arundel of the Council and Alex Pedersen of the Rotary Club.

### **BLACKTOWN TAFE COLLEGE**

In 1980 the Blacktown TAFE College's School of Fashion requested that Club members become guest speakers to his students.

Members assisted the students by giving guidance in 'job selection' for their future careers.

### **CRAWFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL, DOONSIDER**

In 1980 the Club was addressed by the librarian of Crawford Primary School Mrs Joan Stanford, a PDG's wife, concerning the needs of the school's library.

Past President Tom Robinson and Bob Gardiner accepted the challenge and were the driving forces behind the project to supply the library with books.

In 1981 a donation of books to the value of \$2,000 was presented to the School by President Alex Pedersen. Included among the books were Senior and Junior Britannica Encyclopaedias. The Principal of the school made and presented bookcases for these books.

### **MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL, AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS WEEK**

In 2001 members of the Rotary Club of Blacktown City acted as mentors for Year 11 students undertaking the Australian Business Week Course. This challenging experience was enjoyed by Rotarians participating and really appreciated by students and staff of Mitchell High School.

Rotarian Fred Williams and Past Presidents Clarrie Clark, Spiro Constantinou, Ted Powell and David Bamford acted as mentors from 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May.

## **YEAR 10 PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION**

1995 - 1996 saw the introduction of a Public Speaking Competition for Year 10 students at the High Schools where the Club presents its annual Citizenship Awards. This competition has been well supported by schools in the district with first prize a trip to New Zealand to stay with members of the Rotary Club of Porirua. Porirua is Blacktown's sister city in New Zealand and Jennifer Bautista was the inaugural winner.

The Rotary Club of Porirua also holds a similar competition and the winner is hosted by members of our Club.

From 2000 - 2001 Blacktown City Council became a sponsor of the competition and covers the cost of the airfare. Council's sponsorship now means that the three Rotary Clubs in the local government area, Prospect, Mt Druitt and Blacktown City can hold their own 'speak-offs'. Each Club then nominates two speakers to speak at the final from which the winner is chosen.

## **CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**

In November 1962 the Headmistress of Blacktown Girls High School, Miss Beryl Smith, asked the Club for a donation towards a prize for the girl who had given best service to the school and her fellow pupils.

The Club, on the recommendation of the Vocational Service Committee, decided to make a presentation to Blacktown Girls High School of 'The Rotary Award for Service'. The presentation was to be awarded to the girl, irrespective of age or class, who most fully expressed in her work and conduct the spirit of service to her school and her fellow students.

In December 1962, President John Whitmore presented the trophy to the first recipient, 16 year old Margaret Spyker.

The 1962 Christmas meeting of the Club was addressed by Miss Spyker who was accompanied by her parents and younger brother.

The trophy consisted of a wooden shield with a Rotary Wheel as a centrepiece bearing the inscription - 'Rotary Award for Service presented to the Blacktown Girls High by the Rotary Club of Wentworthville'.

A small silver shield bearing the student's name and year of presentation was attached to the wooden shield.

In addition a suitably inscribed medallion was presented to the student as a personal award.

The second Citizenship Award was presented in December 1963 to a boy from Blacktown Boys High School.

From this beginning Citizenship Awards were progressively introduced into other High Schools.

<b>SCHOOLS SERVICED IN 2011</b>	
1962	Blacktown Girls High
1963	Blacktown Boys High
* 1965	Seven Hills High
* 1966	Pendle Hill High
1967	Doonside High
1968	Riverstone High
* 1969	Grantham High
1971	Mitchell High
1976	Evans High
1977	Nagle High
1978	Patrician Brothers High
1978	The Holy Family High
1962	Blacktown Girls High
1963	Blacktown Boys High
1967	Doonside High (now Doonside Technology High)
1968	Riverstone High
1971	Mitchell High
1978	Patrician Brothers High
1994	Norwest Christian High
1995	Seven Hills High
1998	Toongabbie Christian High
1998	St Andrews College (formerly Holy Cross)
2001	Norwest Christian High (formerly Coverdale Christian High)

The schools marked with an asterisk (\*) were ceded to the newly formed Rotary Club of Seven Hills in September 1975. The Rotary Club of Seven Hills closed in 6<sup>th</sup> January 1994. For a period the Rotary Club of Prospect serviced some of the schools.

In some years in the co-educational High Schools the Award was presented to both a boy and a girl. It became the practice for Rotarians to attend Speech Night or Special Assemblies to present the Award to the recipients.

In 1976 a night was arranged whereby some of the award winners attended a dinner meeting to meet Club members.

In 1978 it was agreed by the Board of the Club that a Citizenship Award was to be given to a pupil who 'has been a good citizen within the School, taking part willingly in school activities and in the school's activities within the community'.

These conditions were to be assessed by the Principal and Staff within guidelines peculiar to the school.

In recognition of their achievement each awardee receives a personalised plaque and Certificate and a letter from the President outlining the background to the Award and congratulating the awardee.

### **CITIZENSHIP AWARDS (PRIMARY)**

In 2005 the program was extended gradually as follows:

2005	Shelley Public
2005	Blacktown South Public
2005	St Patricks Primary
2005	Blacktown North Public
2005	St Andrews Primary
2005	St Michaels Primary
2007	Lynwood Park Public
2008	Walters Road Public
2008	Bert Oldfield Public
2008	The Meadows Public

## CAREERS MARKETS



### CAREERS NIGHTS

In 1962 - 1963 Bill Young and the Vocational Service Committee endeavoured to organise a Vocational Information Project where Rotarians and perhaps non-Rotarians would be able to discuss their businesses or professions with students leaving school. The organisation required was beyond the capacity of the Rotary Club of Wentworthville at that time.

In February 1965 Allan Boswell successfully arranged a Careers Information Conference at the Blacktown Twin High Schools. 200 students attended together with their parents.

Information concerning more than thirty careers was made available by approximately forty counsellors. As a result the School Principals invited the Club to make the Conference an annual event.

Following a successful Careers Night at Seven Hills High School on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1965 it was suggested that visits to suitable factories be arranged for those boys interested in trade courses (the seed for the Work Experience concept).

Two Careers nights were organised in 1967, one at Pendle Hill High on 28<sup>th</sup> September and the other at Doonside High on 12<sup>th</sup> October. Peter Renyi was responsible for the organisation of these nights.

In January 1969 factories that were available for visits by school leavers were listed and forwarded to High Schools in the District.

### CONCEPT OF A CAREERS MARKET

At the first Club Assembly in 1969 the Vocational Service Director, Brian Guest, expressed a desire for the Club to contribute more tangibly towards information for students so they would be able to choose suitable careers.

The Careers Advisers at Mitchell, Grantham and Doonside High Schools asked the Club to organise Careers Nights at their schools at the end of 1969.

After the Careers Night at Doonside High School, Brian Guest discussed with the Principal of the school, Alex Pedersen, the problem of some counsellors having no students visiting them for advice. Alex suggested that the counsellors should be located at a central venue and that a number of schools should bring their students to this venue.

Brian Guest recommended to the Club Board that as there were twelve High Schools in the area, the maximum effect of careers counselling could be achieved by combining the counselling services at a central venue rather than attempting to fully service each school individually.

This concept was accepted by the Club. Brian Guest of PGH Doonside consulted with Alex Pedersen from Doonside High School and the concept was developed.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1970 Brian Guest and Jeff Pole of the Rotary Club met with the Principals and Careers Advisers of the twelve High Schools in the area together with representatives from the Education Department's Regional Office. An acceptable format for a central Careers Day was determined.

The name Careers Market was coined by Dick White because students attending were encouraged to 'shop around' for a career among a wide range of careers.

## **REASON FOR A CAREERS MARKET**

Experience has shown that students who are motivated early in their School Certificate year work with a purpose. Careers Markets were therefore established in the first half of each year.

At the Markets, students are advised to obtain information about careers to digest the information received and to follow-up those careers of interest to them. The follow-up includes Work Experience Programmes, 'The Link Scheme' with TAFE Colleges, visits to factories and offices and individual interviews.

## **HISTORY OF BLACKTOWN CAREERS MARKETS**

As a result of Brian Guest's planning and contact with the High Schools, he, Paddy Cullen and Jeff Pole organised a Careers Market in April 1970. The Market accommodated 4,000 students from twelve High Schools who were advised by twenty qualified Counsellors covering many different careers, a coverage greater than any which had been attempted by the Club or any other organisation in the past.

The planning for a second Careers Market was placed in the hands of Dick White assisted by Jeff Pole when Brian Guest was transferred interstate.

A meeting with the School Principals participating in the 1970 Careers Market ironed out some organisational problems.

The 1971 Careers Market was held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The fourteen High Schools attending were allocated a two hour period during the day and the students were encouraged to return on the night of 1<sup>st</sup> June with their parents for in-depth counselling.

Over thirty firms, departments and organisations co-operated with the Club by providing effective displays and teams of Counsellors. Rotarians and Rotaractors were involved in setting up, running and cleaning up after the Market closed.

The pattern developed for the 1971 Careers Market was repeated at subsequent Markets.

After the 1971 Market an approach was made to the Blacktown Council to waive the Bowman Hall rental fee for the Careers Market days and night. In June 1972 the Council refunded the rental fee.

An article on the Careers Markets was submitted by Henry Beran to 'Rotary Down Under' and was published in February 1972.

The Careers Market held at the end of May 1972 was organised by Ted Powell in co-operation with Allan Cross of the Apprenticeship Directorate, Department of Labour and Industry.

Roy Rotherham and Neville Young organised the schools attending. 4,500 students attended, coming from the Entrance, Merrylands and Holroyd as well as from the fourteen local High Schools.

Follow-up visitations to local factories by students from Doonside High and Seven Hills High were made possible through the co-operation of eight Rotarians in the Club.

At the 1973 Careers Market, again organised by Ted Powell, Rydalmer High School joined the schools coming from outside the District, a total of eighteen schools attended.

In 1974 the High Schools outside the district came from Windsor, the Entrance, Rydalmer, Pendle Hill, Merrylands and Mt Druitt.

The 1975 Careers Market was attended by seventeen local High Schools and Church Schools and also by Henry Kendall High School from Gosford. As a result of the Gosford School's visit a second series of Careers Markets were started in the Gosford Area by the Careers Advisers at Henry Kendall High School. The Careers Advisers were assisted by the Rotary Clubs in the area.

A third series was started later on by the Education Department's Careers Counsellors in the North Shore Region at Chatswood. They too were assisted by Rotary Clubs in their area.

As Bob Bensley wrote in his report as Vocational Service Director in 1975 - 1976: 'The Blacktown Rotary Club can be justifiably proud of the role it has played in the development of the Careers Market concept'.

In 1979 Alex Pedersen, who had taken over the running of the Club's Careers Markets from Dick White, arranged with the Education Department Careers Counsellors in the North Shore Regional Office to co-ordinate Careers Markets in the State to prevent Market organisers competing for Counsellors in the same week.

The 1977 Careers Market was held at the Police Boys Club. However, from 1978 the Market returned to the Bowman Hall in Blacktown.

On the advice of the Blacktown Careers Advisers Association no night sessions were conducted from 1977 onwards. The Markets operated during school hours only.

In 1978, because the number of students attending the Markets had grown over the years, two Careers Markets were held in Blacktown.

A Junior Careers Market for Year 10 students was held in the Bowman Hall and was organised by the Rotary Club and a committee of the Careers Advisers Association.

A Senior Careers Market for Year 12 students was held in the Blacktown High School Hall and was organised by Ted Hyslop and a second Committee of Careers Advisers.

The setting up of the Information Booths at the 1979 Careers Market was greatly simplified. The Club purchased display boards and suitable fixtures designed by Alex Pedersen. The boards and fixtures were stored at Evans High School.

A new method of holding the boards was designed by David Bamford in 1981 so that the boards could be more effectively used at the Club's Art Shows.

In December 1988 the display boards were transferred from Evans High School to the Prospect Youth Centre.

Today Careers Markets or their equivalents are being conducted world-wide.

## **CAREERS ADVISERS AND THE MARKETS**

The Careers Advisers in the schools realised the need for co-operation with one another if they were to effectively do their work and gain the most advantage from Careers Markets.

A Blacktown Careers Advisers Association was formed. The Department of Education appointed Regional Careers Counsellors to assist the Associations that developed in the Regions.

Bob Bensley, in May 1976, recommended that the organisation of Careers Markets be handed over to a Committee of the Schools Careers Advisers, the Rotary Club to assist with the secretarial work and the conduct of the Market.

In November 1977 Dick White and Alan Kelly, who organised the 1978 Careers Market, met with the Blacktown Careers Advisers Association who were not very keen on Bob Bensley's suggestions. However, the Advisers agreed to appoint a committee of three teachers to work with Dick and Alan. Ted Hyslop, Careers Adviser at Blacktown Boys High School, proved an able assistant. Alex Pedersen who organised the Careers Markets from 1979 to 1985 worked on Bob Bensley's suggestion.

The 1983 Careers Market was organised by a Committee of five Careers advisers and a Rotary Club representative. The Committee obtained the Counsellors for the Market and organised the visits of the students to the Market. The Rotary Club booked the Civic Centre and supervised the setting up for the Market, assisted by Patrician Brothers students. Ted Powell was responsible for the plan of the 'stalls'.

Ted Powell, who took over as the Rotary Club's representative on the Careers Market Committee in 1986, brought to fruition Bob Bensley's suggestions.

In 1988 a manual on 'How to Run a Careers Market' based on the Rotary Club's concept was prepared by the Careers Counsellor of the Sydney Western Region of the Department of Education and a group of Careers Advisers of the Blacktown Association. They were advised and assisted by Rotarians Ted Powell and Alex Pedersen. The Club made a donation towards the cost of the manual's production.

In 1989, Ted Powell was the last Rotary Club representative on the Careers Market Organising Committee. From 1990 the Careers Advisers and the Education Department have been responsible for organising the Careers Market.

## **COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE**

Many contributions have been made by the Club to individuals and groups within the Community. These, though small individually, have amounted to worthwhile services over the years.

Major areas of service are outlined below.

### **SCOUTS AND GUIDES**

For the six months, July to December 1962, the Rotary Club of Wentworthville provided volunteer drivers every fortnight to transport Crippled Girl Guides to their meeting at Merrylands. At the end of the meeting the girls were returned home.

In 1963, the Club sponsored an Art Show in aid of the Toongabbie Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.

The Blacktown Rotary Club donated \$50 to purchase materials for the Toongabbie Boy Scouts toilets. Club members connected the toilets to the sewerage system and work was completed by July 1968.

A donation was given in 1969 towards the cost of a fence around the Lalor Park Boy Scouts Hall.

In 1974, Jenny Fuller, a Queen's Guide, was chosen to go on a goodwill tour of Indonesia. The Club sponsored her with a donation of \$400. Jenny travelled with a group of Senior Guides and Scouts from the Blacktown area.

In the 1979 - 1980 Rotary year, the Club presented \$100 to the Cumberland Scout Association Building Fund for the construction of a youth activities centre at Bundilla Scout Training Centre near Northmead.

Also, in June 1980 the Prospect District Scout Commissioner was presented with \$1,000. This 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund was established to enable a District Scout Committee to grant money to Scout Groups, interest free. When a Group refunded the money it was granted to another Group.

Kathy Gorman, a Guide from Doonside, visited Bangladesh in 1989 as a representative of the Australian Scouts Association. The Rotary Club donated \$200 towards her expenses.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

The Blacktown Council's Meals on Wheels Service was inaugurated in September 1966. Bill Young and Bill Dales from the Rotary Club attended the inaugural meeting and promised the Club would purchase two insulated food containers, consisting of three food trays in each. The engraving on the containers was donated by Bill Toth.



In 1968 extra canisters were purchased for Meals on Wheels. Meals on Wheels' food and soup carriers were replaced through a donation of \$238.50 from the Club in March 1976.

When a conference of representatives of Meals on Wheels from all States was held in Sydney in 1980, the Rotary Clubs of the District donated \$50 each at the request of the District Governor.

## FIREWORKS DISPLAYS

In 1973 the Blacktown Workers' Club approached the local Service Clubs and asked them to provide daylong entertainment for members of the community culminating in a massive fireworks display at night.

The first Combined Service Clubs Fireworks Display was held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1973. A successful night raised in excess of \$500 for each Club. The Rotary Club was assisted by the Rotaract Club. The other Clubs working on the project were Apex, Lions and the Police Boys Club. The venue was the Blacktown Showground.

Fireworks Displays were staged again in 1974, 1975 and 1976. Rotarians and their wives were responsible for the catering on these nights.

Proceeds from the 'Cracker Nights' were used to assist Community Organisations. In 1976 a display of helicopters was arranged to coincide with the Fireworks display.

## PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN FRANCIS PARK

In 1974 - 1975 R.D.C. Holdings Pty. Ltd., through the Manager of the Seven Hills Shopping Centre, Mr David Levy, donated playground equipment to the Club for erection in a suitable area. The Blacktown Municipal Council gave the Club permission to erect it in Francis Park.

Bernie Hart dismantled the equipment that was stored by R.D.C. Holdings. Bill Young was appointed to supervise its erection.

After many trials and tribulations, involving problems of transportation and of finding suitable weeks for working bees, the playground equipment was ready for use. By early 1976 it was being enjoyed by the children of the area.

## 1978 BLUE MOUNTAINS FIRES

A car load of food, in addition to a donation of \$170, was taken to Springwood for distribution during the 1978 fires. This assistance was given to the fire fighters and the victims of the fires.

## **ROTARY PARK, WALLPARK AVENUE**

In 1978 - 1979, the Club agreed to contribute to the beautification of Blacktown. An area in Wallpark Avenue was cleared, two barbecues were erected and trees were planted.

Blacktown Council provided water facilities and a bubbler. Although the Club made plans to erect tables and seats in the Park, Blacktown Council undertook this work itself.



After prolonged negotiations with the Superintendent of the Blacktown City Council's Parks and Gardens in 1980, it was decided to hand the Wallpark Avenue Park over to a Local Area Park Committee. These Committees work in co-operation with the Council.

## **BLACKTOWN COMMUNITY AID**

During the 1979 - 1980 Rotary year, the Blacktown Community Aid Centre asked the Club to assist in raising funds so that a vehicle for transporting handicapped people could be purchased.

The Rotary Club, through Bob Gardiner, co-ordinated a raffle to aid this project. The Doonside Senior Citizens Activity Club assisted in the sale of the tickets and a total of \$5,500 was raised. \$1,750 was donated to the Blacktown Community Aid Centre at the end of 1980 to pay for the continued employment of an organiser.

## **INSTALLATION OF A DIALYSIS UNIT**

Mr Michael Payne, a patient on a Dialysis machine, required the garage at his Blacktown home to be renovated to allow for the installation of a Dialysis unit so that treatment could be carried out at home. The Club initially donated \$500 towards this project.

In the first half of 1980, President Ron Boxall, assisted by Barry Young, in their professional capacities carried out the necessary laying of a concrete floor and plumbing.

In the second half of 1980 the Club donated another \$480 towards further plumbing costs.

## **NYNGAN FLOOD RELIEF APPEAL**

In 1990 the Club spontaneously donated \$5,376 to help the people in Nyngan who were affected by the flood which devastated the town.

Alan Jones of Radio 2UE wrote thanking President Bob Smith and the members for their generosity.

## **GRACE BROS SHOPPING NIGHT**

This activity gave great satisfaction to members in providing joy to others. In 1992 - 1993 over 900 elderly and disabled members of the community were given the opportunity to shop without the hustle and bustle of normal shopping conditions and be entertained.

In this community project the Club was supported by Scouts and Guides, Police, Sailors from Nirimba, the Army, Apex members and students from Doonside Technology High School and John Paul II.

Grace Bros allowed access to their store after hours so the elderly and disabled were able to shop in comfort. The voluntary efforts of the management and staff of Grace Bros made the night both possible and rewarding.

### **KIDS FROM CHERNOBYL**

The Club meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September 1992 was transferred to Camp McKay where members met 49 children (aged eight to sixteen) from Chernobyl at a barbecue organised by Club members.

Later members assisted when the children visited Featherdale Wildlife Park and were presented by the Mayor of the City of Blacktown Councillor Jim Anderson with mementoes of their visit.

### **BURSARIES FOR STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY**

During President Joe Harris' year (1991 – 1992) the main project was to raise \$10,000 to provide ten textbook bursaries to students who:

- attended the University of Western Sydney
- resided in the Blacktown City area
- were in the last two years of their course and
- were in need of financial assistance

Students from the faculties of Commerce, Education Health Studies, Humanities and Social Science were given bursaries for Academic performance on 20<sup>th</sup> October 1992.

Each student received a cheque for \$500 with the presentation being made at Westmead Campus of UWS by Past President Joe Harris. Similar awards were made in following years.

### **ROTARY GROVE AT ALPHA PARK**



On 21<sup>st</sup> May 1994 a grove of 30 Golden Rubinia trees was dedicated to the memory of Past President Ian Scharkie following a generous donation from Janne Scharkie. Trees were planted for each Past President of the Club with each Past President contributing part of the cost of the tree planted in their name.

A sandstone block was set in place and a plaque listing the Past Presidents' names and their year of Presidency was attached. The plaque also noted the reason for the grove i.e. commemorating PP Ian Scharkie.

### **YOUTH VARIETY AND AUCTION NIGHTS**

Enthusiastic support and artistic ability of Mel Gray brought to fruition a number of Youth Variety Concerts in the Diamond Auditorium at the Blacktown Workers Club. These nights gave able young people the opportunity to perform and helped raise funds for the Rotary Wing at Westmead Childrens' Hospital, Life Education and The Salvation Army.

### **LIFE EDUCATION WESTERN SYDNEY**

Over a long period members provided funds to assist on-going presentations of drug education programs to early childhood and primary school students in the Blacktown local government area.

Past Presidents David Bamford and Peter Price were active members of the Board of Management of Life Education Western Sydney from September 1992 until June 2003.



### **PAINTING QUAKERS HILL GIRL GUIDES HALL**

In 1994 - 1995 a major project, the painting of the Quakers Hill Girl Guides Hall was successfully completed. Many Club members participated and good fellowship was enjoyed.

### **SMOKE DETECTORS**

In 1997 - 1998 smoke detectors were provided at a low cost to encourage householders to install these essential safety devices.

## **ADOPT-A-ROAD AND CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA**



Following liaison with Blacktown City Council the Club has undertaken to keep a section of Blacktown Road from St Martins Village to Harrod Street tidy. Signs have been erected by the Council and residents have also been encouraged to give support. The first clean up took place on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2000 and it is planned to have three clean-ups per year.

Each year a keen group of members has also assisted with the Clean Up Australia Program in various parts of the city area.

## SENIOR CITIZENS AND THE CLUB

Blacktown Senior Citizens in September 1964 approached the Rotary Club re giving assistance in constructing a Senior Citizens Hall at the corner of Patrick Street and Newton Road, Blacktown.

The Hall was finally built by the Blacktown Council. The Rotary Club, at the request of the Council, spent \$276 on curtains for the Hall that was opened 9<sup>th</sup> November 1968.

The Council undertook the beautification of the area around the Hall. The Council's gardening staff was assisted by Club members through working bees.

In 1970 Rotarians entertained Senior Citizens on a Bus Picnic.

On 31<sup>st</sup> March 1974 fifteen Rotarians and their wives transported seventeen senior citizens on an outing to the Australiana Pioneer Village at Wilberforce.

The Rotarians used their cars during a petrol strike to carry out this project. Graham Sweeney of Doonside helped locate the various senior people.

From this time the Rotary Club and the Doonside Senior Citizens have had a close association. The Club donated an indoor bowling set and mat valued at \$220 to the Doonside Seniors. Since then the Seniors have challenged and defeated many groups of Rotarians at indoor bowls.

From 1975 to 1978 the Club purchased Senior Citizens Week Badges which were then sold by the Doonside Citizens in the Blacktown Municipality. These sales doubled the donations given by the Club.

Since 1979 the Rotary Club of Blacktown City and the Doonside Seniors Activity Club have co-operated in running raffles. Rotarian Bob Gardiner was the initial driving force in forming this association with the Seniors.

The raffles were initially run at Christmas time but then were extended to Easter as well.

The proceeds have been shared between the two Clubs. The Rotary Club purchased the prizes from the proceeds. The Seniors sold tickets in Shopping Centres and Parklea Markets during the week, the Rotarians taking over on the weekends. The proceeds from the raffles have been a major source of income for the Club's Projects.

### SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Ellen Long had run a Christmas Party for residents of aged care facilities in the area surrounding Blacktown for some 13 years. When she felt she could no longer continue, she looked to the Club for assistance in 2008, with the aim of taking it over. This has become a major project of the Club and everyone looks forward to assisting with the planning and running of the event each December. This is run as a joint venture with the Inner Wheel Club of Blacktown City.



Over 400 seniors and helpers attend each year

# YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM (YEP)



Secondary School Students are able to gain experience in overseas schools through the Youth Exchange Program established in Rotary Districts.

The Rotary Club has participated in this scheme since 1966.

## 1961 - 1962

A survey was made in early 1962 to gauge the reaction of Club members to the Youth Exchange Program and it was well received by all members.

The Program was advertised in the local press and applications were invited with Miss Humerston of Westmead applying in March 1962.

When Club members were informed they would have to host a student from overseas only 4 out of the 24 members were in a position to act as host parents. As a result, Miss Humerston was informed the Club could not continue with her application.

## 1962 - 1963

On 14<sup>th</sup> August 1962, Kenneth Datt, a District 275 Exchange Student from Hyderabad, India, addressed a Ladies Night meeting on the educational problems in India. He was studying Economics at the University of Sydney.

Mrs Kim Scott-Smith was guest speaker at the Club on 19<sup>th</sup> March 1963. Kim was a District 275 Exchange Student from Australia and had spent her year of study overseas in India. She was convinced that Youth Exchange helped International Understanding.

## 1966 - 1967

Leola Dianne Rose of Wentworthville was accepted as an Exchange Student in November, 1965 and Leola left Australia to attend High School in Albany, USA in January 1966. She was a guest of the Coloni Rotary Club, New York State.

Leola was welcomed back at a Ladies Night held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 1967. On the same night, Marina Srichandra was welcomed as the Club's first incoming Exchange Student.

Leola presented a banner from the Coloni Club. Marina presented a lovely dinner gong from Dhomburi Club, of which Marina's father, Lert, was a member. District Governor Lert later became a member of the Rotary Club of Blacktown City. A record number of 84 members and guests attended this enjoyable evening.

Marina arrived from Thailand on 19<sup>th</sup> January 1967. She was a pupil at Blacktown Girls' High School during the year and on 28<sup>th</sup> March 1967, Marina was a debutante at the Annual District Ball.

To celebrate the birthday of the Club's foster daughter, Marina, a barbecue was held at Ian Scharkie's home.

Quite apart from Rotary, arrangements were made for Marina to stay in Australia during 1968 so that she could study shorthand and typing at the Granville Technical College. Her hosts were Jim and Madge Moffatt.

### **1968 - 1969**

In 1968, Leigh Klein, a student of Pendle Hill High School, applied to spend a year of study in France. Later in the year Leigh wrote requesting deferment of his application.

In 1969 Leigh was informed by the District Committee that no suitable French or German speaking country was available for Exchange Students.

### **1972 - 1973**

During this Rotary year four student were considered for the Program - Sue Harris and Jim Saunders from Pendle Hill High and George Barnes and Joe Byrnes from Seven Hills High.

George Barnes, School Captain of Seven Hills was successful. George hoped to spend a year in Britain, but finally went to North Canton, Ohio USA in 1973.

### **1974 - 1975**

A Ladies Night on 29<sup>th</sup> January 1974 was an occasion for entertaining Exchange Students.

Jeanne Peacock, a Student from Singapore was welcomed. She was enrolled at Doonside High School and her pleasant personality endeared her to all she met. At the end of 1974, Jeanne did not return to Singapore as her family had migrated to Australia.

George Barnes, a returned Student, spoke at the Ladies Night of his experiences in Ohio USA.

After George spoke, the Club welcomed again its first Student, Marina Srichandra, who was accompanied by her husband. She was presented with a wedding gift.

In 1974 three students were recommended to the District Youth Exchange Committee. However, they were unsuccessful in their applications.

### **1976 - 1977**

Ann Lansford from Carrizo Springs, Texas, was the Club's Student in 1977. Prior to her arrival, the host parents for Ann were invited by her Counsellors, Alex and Betty Pedersen to meet a representative from the District Youth Exchange Committee in November 1976.

Ann was welcomed in February 1977 and quickly settled into her new surroundings. She attended Evans High School and returned to Texas in January 1978.

Our outgoing student, Julie Greenwood, well known to Club members from her frequent visits to the Club, left for Surabaya Indonesia on 12 February 1977.

After some initial problems, Julie settled down to enjoy her stay, returning to Australia at the beginning of 1978.

## **1978 - 1979**

Of the Club's four nominations for the 1978 Program, two -Debbie van der Hoeven and Jane Ubergang were successful. They were two of the 24 students who went overseas in 1978.

Debbie went to Japan and Jane to Indonesia.

Kaori Suzuki, our 1978 incoming student, came from Asitamia-Ken, Japan. She attended Mitchell High School.

When she arrived Kaori was only able to speak broken English. She later spoke at Club meetings in fluent English, thanks to her hosts and her teachers at Mitchell High School.

## **1979 - 1980**

In this year the Club again had two successful applicants. Deborah Smith from Mitchell High School went to District 258, Seta Guya, Tokyo Japan and Guy Parkin from Evans High School went to District 584, San Antonio, Texas USA.

Each of these students spoke at the Club's 75th Rotary International Anniversary meeting in February 1980. Their presentations confirmed the Club's thoughts in naming them excellent Exchange Students and fine ambassadors for Blacktown City and Australia.

Coppelia Sotelo from Mexico was hosted by the Club during 1979 - 1980. She attended Blacktown Girls' High School. Her visit ended early when she informed the Club she wished to return to Mexico for her mother's birthday.

## **1980 - 1981**

Sue Beggs from Mitchell High School was hosted in Japan during 1980. She assimilated well into the Japanese way of life.

On her return she spoke to the Club on her experiences, illustrating her talk with slides. Tomas Norfelt, the 'Great Dane' from Denmark, was hosted by the Club from August 1980 to July 1981. He was enrolled at Mitchell High School.

His host parents did their best to ensure he matriculated in 'tie-tying' during his stay.

Tomas' Birthday party at Diversey's was a highlight in his year.

## **1982 - 1983**

In 1982 Zerelda King from South Africa was our Exchange Student and was enrolled at Evans High School.

Karen Pike from Riverstone High spent 1982 in Brazil as a Youth Exchange Student.

## **1989 - 1990**

Bob and Margaret Vincent acted as Counsellors to Exchange Student Leslie Hill from the USA.

Leslie, a delightful young lady, was co-hosted with Mt Druitt Rotary Club.

The club did not participate in the YEP for some years due to lack of offers to host. The program was restarted in 2008 thanks to the efforts of Len Winter.

### 2008 – 2009

Gabi Rosa from Londonia, Brazil was our incoming student.

Natasha Kumal from Doonside was hosted in Brazil.

### 2009 – 2010

Thomas Durand from Rouen, France was hosted by our Club.

Carmelle Cuanan from Blacktown was hosted in Normandy, France.

### 2010-2011

Lotta Koskela from Finland joined us for the year.

Jenny Lewis from Blacktown was hosted in Finland.

### Exchange Students



Anne Lansford —Texas  
1976 - 1977



Kaori Suzuki — Japan  
1978 - 1979



Coppelia Satelo — Mexico  
1979 - 1980



Tomas Norfelt - Denmark  
1980 - 1981



Zerelde King - South Africa  
1981 - 1982



Junko Tanzawa - Japan  
1993 - 1994



Gabi Rosa - Brazil  
2008 - 2009



Thomas Durand - France  
2009 - 2010



Lotta Koskela - Finland  
2010 - 2011

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO BLACKTOWN HEALTH SERVICES

### ST JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

Since its formation the Rotary Club has assisted the Blacktown St John Ambulance Brigade.

Among notable donations were:



1. 1963 - 1964, an Ambu-Mannikin at a cost of \$160. The Ambulance Officers expressed their appreciation of the donation and acknowledged its worth in the demonstration and training in mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.
2. 1972 - 1973, a one-man stretcher.
3. 1976 - 1977, two Entonox Gas Units at a cost of \$434. These Units are used for the relief of pain in all situations.
4. 1977 - 1978, Resusi-Baby Unit was purchased at a cost of \$180. This Unit was used for training the cadets in the methods of artificial respiration when applied to young children.

## **BLACKTOWN DISTRICT HOSPITAL**

Blacktown District Hospital Board Members and members of the staff have also been members of the Rotary Club. As a result, the Club has been made aware of the Hospital's needs and these were met where possible.

Some major contributions have been:

1. Two Cardiac Monitors purchased through Club donations.
2. \$4,000 raised at the 1978 Pro-Am golf Tournament and 1978 Art Show went towards the purchase of a Cardiac Monitoring Unit. The Club's donation was matched by a Government Grant.
3. The Club assisted at Hospital Fêtes, in particular by conducting 'Trash and Treasure' Auctions.
4. Two Rowcars used in the treatment of handicapped children were presented to the Physiotherapy Department.

During the 1966 - 1967 Rotary year a concrete path was laid in the grounds of the Blacktown Hospital from the Hospital to the Canteen. Bill Young organised the Community Service Committee members who carried out the work at a cost of \$100.

In 1965 the Club was represented on the Committee set up to undertake a Door Knock Appeal for the Blacktown Hospital. By 1969 the Rotary Club, under the leadership of Jim Moffatt, organised the Door Knock Appeal which raised \$4,300.

A Renal Dialysis Unit was purchased and donated to the hospital as a result of a Combined Service Club's Fireworks Display.

## **BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING**

In January 1977 a Mobile Blood Pressure Testing Clinic was sponsored by the Club and was organised by the Community Service Director Geoff Driver.

Rotarians manned the Clinic in Main Street, Blacktown, on a roster basis and Nurses from Blacktown Hospital carried out the tests.

A total of 2,080 people were tested. Voluntary donations of \$390 were received.

At the 1977 Blacktown Show, the Rotary Club again organised a similar blood-testing program.

## **'TRASH AND TREASURE' AUCTIONS**



In November 1977 the Rotary Club received a circular from Trash and Treasure Australia Pty. Ltd. providing details of Trash and Treasure Markets.

As a result, 'Trash and Treasure' auctions were organised in conjunction with the Blacktown Hospital Fêtes. Donations of suitable articles for auctions were sought from Rotarians and the general public.

The first auction was held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1978 and resulted in \$1,000 being donated to the Hospital.

Bob Gardiner, assisted by Russ Dickens and Frank Pankhurst, organised a second 'Trash and Treasure' auction at the Blacktown Hospital Fete on 20<sup>th</sup> October 1979. The Club was assisted by auctioneers Jim Simpson and Greg Reeves who gave their time at auctions in the years up to 1984.

\$1,000 was presented to the Hospital after each auction.

In 1984 Rotary Bicycle Safety Flags were sold at the Fete. 243 flags were sold at \$1.00 a flag.

## BUNGARRIBEE HOUSE, BLACKTOWN 1825



The Bungarribee is now the name of the Club's weekly bulletin. This article provides some background history and the significance of selecting the name.

BUNGARRIBEE means the 'resting place of the king, Bungaroo'. On this land, according to legend, the chief of a tribe fought and died while defending his territory from a neighbouring tribe. Some people claimed that it was aboriginal sacred ground.

Bungarribee House was commenced in 1825 and built entirely of imported bricks and stone. Some were said to be 100 years old when they had arrived as ballast in sailing ships. These bricks and stone were supposedly dragged in handcarts by women convicts. The internal partitions were of brick nogging in which the wall was framed with timber members and the panels were filled in with brick and the surface plastered over.

The house itself consisted of four small rooms in the upper storey, a round drawing room, a dining room, five bedrooms and originally it also had a ballroom with cut glass lights. Attached was a kitchen and servants quarters. It also had a storehouse, ham house, stables, barns, carpenters and blacksmith shops.

The round drawing room was especially beautiful with three deep niches lined with cedar, a charming curved door and simple decoration in the centre of the ceiling. French doors with shutters opened onto a flag-stoned veranda that was 160 feet long. The roof was supported by slender wooden columns.

In one part of the house, below a flag-stoned hall were two large storage cellars, which were reached by lifting a flagstone and descending a ladder. Two central lobbies were floored with flagstones and all the woodwork was cedar including the outside shutters. The upstairs round room with its four square windows was used as a bedroom but was said to be haunted.

Under the house were extensive cellars where the convicts were chained up during the construction of the house. From one of the lower rooms there ran a tunnel towards Eastern Creek which was said to have run for half a mile. This was sealed up when found.

The huge barn, which was blown down in a storm in early 1977 was built of red bricks, the same used in the construction of the house. There were no nails used in its construction, all the joints being held by precisely fitted wooden pegs.

### **Bungaribee Owners**

Major John Campbell was made a grant of this land in 1827, 2,000 acres, boundaries being Great Western Highway, Flushcombe Rd, Bungaribee Rd and Eastern Creek.

Thomas Icely - 1830, Charles Smith - 1832, Henry Kater - 1839, after the Kater family there is a gap in ownership. However, it did pass into the hands of East India Company and eventually to the Australian Agricultural Co.

The Cleave family appears to be the next owner and then Major J J Walters. He sub-divided part of the property and his wife named the roads. Ian Cleave was the last owner prior to World War II and eventually Overseas Tele-Communications acquired the land.

Over the years the Bungaribee Grant has been used for grazing sheep, cattle, horses, stock and many notable thoroughbreds. Horses of the day spelled at Bungaribee including the famous Peter Pan.

The East India Company used the grant as a trading post and no doubt grain was grown.

Many stories have been passed down of hidden, unfound treasure, disappearances, convict murders, suicides and a host of ghost stories all witnessed by the 'King Bungaroo'.

## **APPEALS AND THE CLUB**

### **FREEDOM FROM HUNGER**

As the Freedom from Hunger Campaign Appeal was parallel to the object of Rotary, President John Whitmore of the Rotary Club of Wentworthville accepted the Chairmanship of the 1963 Blacktown Regional Committee for the Appeal.



Vice President Ted Hicks organised the Club members as volunteer callers on 'Vanquish Hunger Day', 26<sup>th</sup> May 1963. The Club collected \$514 and the total for Blacktown was \$7,026.

Ted Hicks, as Director of International Service, commented in his report that in accepting his role in this Appeal President John brought honour to himself and credit to the Club.

### **NATIONAL HEART FOUNDATION**

In May 1973 \$800 was collected by Club members in an area of South Blacktown.

In May 1975 Geoff Driver, Drew Moffatt and Alex Sajkic organised the Appeal in the Blacktown area. The Blacktown Police Boys Club made their premises available as headquarters.



The enthusiasm and detailed organisation of the Rotarians were well rewarded with the collection of \$5,850, the second highest District total in the State. The project received full Community and Club support.

David Bamford organised the Door Knock Appeal that was held 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1976. This appeal was well supported by Club members and resulted in the sum of \$3,500 being collected for the Foundation.

## **RED SHIELD**



The Salvation Army approached the Club for assistance with its 1976 Red Shield Appeal.

It was agreed at a Club meeting that there would be no Club commitment but that members would be circulated and could make their own decisions as to whether or not they wished to assist.

From such an 'acorn' did a great 'oak' grow.

From 1976 onwards the Red Shield Appeal found favour with many of our members who during the last 25 years have helped organise the Blacktown Zone which is the largest zone in the Western Area.

In addition to our Blacktown Zone responsibilities we have also been involved in organising the Western Sydney area which comprises Katoomba, Blaxland, Springwood, Penrith, St Marys, Minchinbury, St Clair, Mt Druitt, Blacktown, Windsor and Richmond.

Our efforts have resulted in greater Rotary participation throughout the West.

The 1991 Appeal in the West resulted in a total collection of \$264,000 of which \$74,000 came from the Blacktown Zone.

Worth noting was the efforts of Ron and Fran Boxall who made their home available each year as a counting house and eatery. Fred and Betty Fletcher of Seven Hills Rotary for many years covered the Seven Hills District with excellent results.

Over many years Club members such as Dick White, Tom Robinson, Bob Gardiner and Bob Bensley have provided District management for this Appeal. At the same time members and their partners have organised a district collection area centred at Metella Road Public School.

We welcome the opportunity to continue to assist The Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal that does enormous good throughout the Australian community.

## **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

From a visitation of 60 potential members the Rotary Club of Wentworthville commenced in 1961 with a membership of 24.

Membership fluctuated in the 20's until when the 1965 - 1966 membership reached 37. From this Rotary year until 1969 - 1970 the membership remained in the 30's. In that year the Club reached a membership of 42.

At the beginning of 1970 Rotarian Tom Robinson introduced a 'Five for One' Plan for membership development. This plan envisaged that the Club should divide into groups of five. Each individual group of five members would have as its objective the sponsorship of at least one new member every six months. The aim of the exercise was to have a membership of over 50.

While the plan was responsible for 12 new members in 1971 - 1972, and 10 new members in 1972 - 1973, unfortunately resignations counteracted the increases. Membership in the 1970's varied from 41 to 47.

In 1978 - 1979 a Business Men's Night was arranged by John Heath, at which Ken Thomas of the S.A.L.A.D. Organisation was guest speaker. Rotary members were asked to invite potential new members to the meeting.

Until 1984, the membership remained in the 40's. The membership grew from 45 in 1983 to 55 in 1984 - 1985, thus reaching the goal set by Tom Robinson in 1970. Unfortunately resignations dropped the membership below 50 in the following years. However, the membership in the early 1990's has been in the 50's but since then has declined into the 30's.

On a very positive note a concerted effort was mounted in 2001 - 2002 to increase the number of members and strengthen the Club. Six new members were inducted into the Club in August 2001.

Similar inductions were planned throughout the remainder of that year with a goal of over 40 members. The challenge remains to attain and exceed the previous highest membership of 58 during the coming years.

## **MATCHED CLUBS**

In 1961 efforts of the Rotary Club of Wentworthville were directed towards establishing contact with Rotary Clubs in other countries with a view to exchanging information of mutual interest.

Towards this end, letters were sent to Clubs in the following countries; Hong Kong, Japan, Jordan, Portugal, Scotland and Sweden.

This was to have been the start of an extensive correspondence project. However, as of June 1962, no replies from any of these Clubs had been received.

The Club in 1963 - 1964 participated with limited success in Rotary International President Carl Miller's Matched Districts Scheme. It was a program of specifics; District to District, Club to Club, Rotarian to Rotarian.

Under the plan each Rotarian was to be a 'partner' in the quest of peace and justice among nations.

District 268 was matched with District 411 Mexico.

The Rotary Club of Wentworthville was matched with the Rotary Club of San Pedro de las Colonias.

An illustrated book of the growth of NSW, both industrially and socially was procured, autographed by all members of the Club and by District Governor Alan Wood. The book was then forwarded to the President of the San Pedro Club.

The names and addresses of members of the San Pedro Club were obtained and 12 members of the Wentworthville Club were given the names of their opposite member.

The language barrier hindered a hundred percent success rate for the effort.

In 1965 the Rotary Club of Blacktown was matched with the Rotary Club of Dumferline, Scotland. But contact between the two Clubs was not effected until the visit of Mike Ahern to the Dumferline Rotary Club on 29<sup>th</sup> October 1968.

In April 1969 another Rotarian visited the Club's Matched Club in Scotland which sent a very excellent set of slides and a tape to Blacktown. These were returned to Dumferline in August 1969.

Having received the slides from Dumferline Club, the Blacktown Club decided to make a film of the Blacktown District to send to Scotland.

In September 1968 Frank Evans accepted this responsibility. When Frank resigned from the Club John Heath completed the filming of the District.

The editing of the film took some time, Ted Powell being involved in this process in 1971. The edited film was finally delivered to the Dumferline Club by Bill Bownes in April 1972.

During 1969 - 1970 a short history of the Blacktown Club and our District, together with a resume of some of our more recent projects was completed and forwarded to the Urbana Rotary Club, USA.

Under the Matched Districts Scheme in 1976 - 1977 Blacktown Rotary Club was matched with the Sasolberg Rotary Club in South Africa, the two Clubs exchanging interesting correspondence during the year.

## INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS

Over the years the Club members have had personal contact with International groups.

Rotarian Arthur Phillips on December 11<sup>th</sup> 1966 arranged for 40 Indonesian undergraduate students to be picked up at Parramatta for a picnic at Wiseman's Ferry. The students who arrived in October were homesick and the boat day and barbecue helped to make a good day for them.

A launch picnic on the Harbour was organised by the Rotary International Service Committee and the Pendle Hill Interact Club. These people entertained five Asian students who had a most enjoyable day.

In November 1969 Asian students from International House were entertained at the Club.

President Jim Moffatt and Secretary Bill Bownes were invited to International House and attended a dinner given as a thank you by the students. At the request of International House contact was made with Malaysian apprentices at HMAS Nirimba from 1970 - 1973. Outings were arranged for the students during these years.

A group of overseas student nurses from Blacktown Hospital were hosted at a picnic outing in the Blue Mountains on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1975. The very pleasant day was appreciated by the nurses and the small group of Rotarians present. The group inspected the Everglades at Leura.

During 1976 - 1977 Juliana Barus at a Salvation Army Orphanage in Medan, Sumatra, Indonesia, was supported and educated by a scholarship of \$200.

A dinner meeting was held at International House, Sydney University on 8<sup>th</sup> July 1980. Rotarians and their wives enjoyed the meal, a display of Asian dances and a display of costumes and artefacts.

Otto von Schomburg, the International Service Director, arranged for the Consul Generals of the USSR and of the USA to address two Ladies Nights in October and November 1987.

Donations internationally included:

1. A very successful Vietnam Clothing Appeal in January 1969
2. Aboriginal artefacts forwarded to Penang Club, New Guinea
3. Toys for a school for handicapped children in Madagascar (an IPAC project)
4. Dental equipment, donated by Dick White, forwarded to Santiago Rotary Club, Chile
5. \$500 donated to 120 leprosy patients in the Leprosy Colony at Dehra Dun, India
6. \$250 to the Karl Kleisch Memorial Fund to help disadvantaged Rural Schools in Thailand.

## **SEEDLING PLANTS PROJECT**

In July 1973 the Club purchased 1,000 seedling trees. They were re-potted and under Joe Reedy's care they grew into fine specimens.

Rotarians were not very successful as tree salesmen and the last 500 trees were purchased by the Blacktown Council for planting in the Municipality.

The net profit realised by this project was approximately \$350.

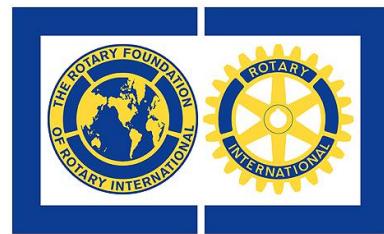
## **SHADE HOUSES**

In the early 1990's Shade Houses were erected at Blacktown South Primary School, Patrician Brothers College and other schools. The material was donated by Paul Harris Fellow, Frank Meduri owner of McDonalds Family Restaurants in Blacktown. Shade houses were provided for students to propagate seedlings for the Greening Australia Program.

# THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

## THE CLUB AND THE FOUNDATION

At the Club's first Ladies Night on 29<sup>th</sup> March 1962 a Rotary Foundation Fellow, Dr Helen Bashir, was the guest speaker and she gave a most interesting and informative address.



In 1963 - 1964 a number of interesting speakers addressed the Club on various International topics. These speakers included Rotary Foundation Fellows Don Furtado from California, USA, Jan Ingersoll of Sydney and also Rev Harry Clanahan from America.

During Rotary Foundation Week 1979 - 1980, Peter Dooley, a member of the GSE Team to Florida in 1976 was a guest at the Club.

One of our own fellows, Foundation Chairman Alex Pedersen, spoke at the 1973 - 1974 Rotary Foundation Week meeting, outlining the scope of Youth Exchange, Inter-District Fellowships, Educational Awards and Group Study Exchange.

## ROTARY FOUNDATION PLATEAU

To develop world understanding, Rotary International has developed a number of projects over the years. These are financed through The Rotary Foundation. The first contribution by the Club was made in 1962 - 1963, when a sum of \$60 was handed over, 'not a huge sum but a beginning'.

The amounts contributed place a Rotary Club on a certain percentage plateau. The Club reached the 300% plateau in 1969 - 1970. It was not until 1975 - 1976 that it reached the 400% plateau. In 1980 - 1981 the Club attained the 1000% plateau. This was brought about by the creation of the Club's first Paul Harris Fellows.

As at 30 June 1991 the Club's plateau had reached 5,900%.

## ROTARY FOUNDATION AWARDS

In 1962 - 1963 two applicants for Rotary Foundation Fellowship Awards, Graham Lance and George Parsons, addressed a Club meeting and were nominated for the Awards. However, they later withdrew their nominations.

In 1969 Robert Galmez, Production Engineer of Bonds Knitting Mills, Pendle Hill, sponsored by the Club, was successful in his application for a Technical Training Award.

He studied Textiles at the Bolton Technical College, Bolton UK during 1970.

Jim Hando, a RYLARIAN and Club and District Rotaractor, was nominated for a Rotary Foundation Graduate Fellowship but unfortunately his application was unsuccessful.

In 2010 Katrina Yu was granted a Ambassadorial Scholarship and studied International Relations at the University of London and was hosted by the Rotary Club of Brookmans Park in District 1260.

## ROTARY FOUNDATION PAUL HARRIS RECOGNITIONS

The Club's first Paul Harris Recognitions were presented to Past President Jim Moffatt and to Mary Young, in memory of her late husband Past President Bill Young's contribution to Rotary. These presentations were made by Past President Ron Boxall at the Changeover Meeting in 1981. These Recognitions are named after the founder of Rotary.



Past President John Wood was made a Paul Harris Fellow in 1981 on the twentieth Anniversary of the Club's Charter Night. John was a Foundation member of this Club and the PHF was presented by Past District Governor Sleath Lowrey who had inducted John into Rotary in 1961.

The following is a list of those who have received Paul Harris Recognitions in recognition of their services to Rotary and/or the community:

- 1981 – Past President Jim Moffatt
  - Past President John Wood
  - Mary Young
- 1983 - Past President Tom Robinson
- 1987 - Olga Robshaw – editor Blacktown Advocate newspaper
  - Past President Ian Scharkie
  - Past President Dick White (given by Raja Sabu – later RI President)
- 1988 - Rotarian David Bamford
- 1989 - Past President Bob Bensley
  - Past President Kevin Boxall
  - Bruce and Margaret Kubbere of Featherdale Wildlife Park
  - Past President Alex Pedersen
  - Past President John Smith
  - Past President David Stone
  - Rotarian Les Trevithick
- 1990 - Past President David Stone
  - Rotarian Les Trevithick
- 1991 - Past President Ron Boxall
  - Past President Russ Dickens
  - Past President Bob Gardiner
  - Past President Ted Powell
  - Ken Thrift – NSW Police Service Blacktown
- 1993 - Rotarian Gunther Geyer
  - Rotarian Peter Price
  - Rotarian Gary Raymond
  - Past President Bob Smith
  - Rotarian John Watson
  - District Governor Dick White received a Sapphire Pin because of his outstanding service to Rotary
- 1994 - Rotarian Peter Garske
- 1995 - Past President John Smith (1st Sapphire – RC of Prospect)
  - Caroline Smith (RC of Prospect)

- 1996 Rotarian Bruce Carne  
 Past President Joe Harris  
 Past President Hari Misra  
 Bob Morgan
- 1997 - Frank Meduri (Blacktown McDonald's Family Restaurants)  
 Rotarian Fred Williams
- 2000 - Past President Mel Gray  
 Rotarian Peter Micheletti
- 2002 - Graham Symes of Traffic Offenders Program (TOP) Inc.
- 2003 - Past President George Coward
- 2004 - Robyn White  
 Past District Governor Dick White (2nd Sapphire)
- 2005 - Rotarian Peter de Vries  
 Keith Queen OAM of Blacktown Workers Club Group  
 Les Wales  
 Past President Len Winter
- 2006 - Rhonda Bensley  
 Past President David Brown (RC of Canowindra)  
 Past President Peter Price (1st Sapphire)  
 Roselyn Smith  
 Rotarian Fred Williams (1st Sapphire)  
 Noela Williams
- 2007 - Lyn Bamford  
 Past President Raymond Danam (RC of Butterworth)  
 Marten Wynd of Eagles RAPS  
 Sally Wynd of Eagles RAPS
- 2008 - Past President David Bamford (1st Sapphire - by District 9690)
- 2009 - Sharon Daishe (Member of the RC of Forbes Ipomoea)  
 Past President Ken Fairfax  
 Past President Mel Gray (1st Sapphire)  
 Rotarian Rob Smith
- 2010 - Past President David Brown (1st Sapphire)  
 Rotarian Pam Carne  
 Ellen Long (Organiser - Seniors Christmas Party for 12 years)  
 Tony Orr (RC of Prospect)  
 John Smith (2nd Sapphire – RC of Prospect)  
 Peter Filmer (RC of Prospect)
- 2011 - Past President David Bamford OAM (2nd Sapphire – by District 9690)  
 Past President Mel Gray (2nd Sapphire – by District 9690)  
 Greg McIntyre OAM

## GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (GSE)

Group Study Exchange (GSE) is an educational activity funded by The Rotary Foundation.

GSE teams are sent by a Rotary District to study how each team member's profession functions in overseas countries. In return the



District sending a team hosts a team from the District that the outgoing team visits and the aim of the program is also to create international understanding between people of various countries on a personal level.

During 1968 six young men from Oregon, USA, toured District 268 (Blacktown Club's District at that time). They spent one day in Blacktown and made visits organised by Rotarian Rex Sergeant, Henry Beran and Bill Dale.

Prior to the formation of District 969 (the Greater Sydney Area was originally District 268, which was divided into Districts 268 and 269 - later becoming 968 and 969) Club members hosted visiting team members on an individual basis.

Jim Moffatt hosted Said Mansour a Public Servant from District 330 (Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand) in 1970. In 1972 Helmet Delfs hosted a policeman from New York, USA. Upon the formation of District 969, hosting was organised by each Rotary Club.

## **IN-COMING TEAMS**

In 1970 members of District 330 GSE team were escorted by Club members to the Blacktown Hospital, Peels Dairy and Bushes Piggery.

From the 1975 - 1976 Rotary year, the Rotary Club of Blacktown has hosted for a week or entertained for one day GSE Teams from overseas.

During 1975 - 1976 a GSE team was received from North Carolina. The hosting of this team was carried out by Geoff Driver, Jim and Drew Moffatt and Alex Sajkic.

A GSE team from Florida was hosted for one week by David Bamford, Russ Dickens, Jim Moffatt, Drew Moffatt, John Smith and Ian Scharkie from 28<sup>th</sup> March to 4<sup>th</sup> April 1977. A 'Joint Fiasco' at Rooty Hill RSL and a Rotary/Rotaract Cricket Match were arranged for this team.

In 1979 the GSE team from Japan spoke to Blacktown, Parramatta and Seven Hills Clubs at the Blacktown Bowling Club.

In 1980 GSE team members from Denmark were hosted by Ron Boxall, Jim Moffatt, Drew Moffatt, David Bamford, John Smith and Gunther Geyer. The highlight of the visit was a trip to Canberra on Easter Saturday.

However, an unofficial landing of the GSE team on Cockatoo Island during a hosted boat trip on Sydney Harbour discomfited the hosts. The team members replied when the police launch arrived to arrange a tow and asked 'where are you from' meaning where did you want to go, 'Denmark'.

A Combined Meeting was held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 1981 with Parramatta and North Parramatta at the Workers' Club, Blacktown to meet with a team from Canada. During the day the team was entertained by members of the Club visiting the Blacktown Hospital, the Council Chambers, City Library and Featherdale Wildlife Park.

The Club, from 1982 to 1989, hosted teams from Scotland, Kentucky and a team from the Netherlands. The team from the Netherlands was the first ladies team to visit Australia. The following year our district sent a ladies team to the Netherlands.

In 1990 a team from Georgia was entertained.

The GSE team from Pennsylvania, a mixed group, was hosted by the Club from 5<sup>th</sup> April to 12<sup>th</sup> April 1991. The team leader was surprised when the Club's hosts and hostesses gave a party for one of the lady members on the occasion of her birthday.

Later teams were hosted by the club, as follows:

- 1992 District 1420 Finland
- 1993 District 5020 Canada/USA
- 1994 District 9300 South Africa
- 1995 District 5010 Alaska, USA
- 1996 District 3660 Pusan, Korea
- 1997 District 3070 India
- 1998 District 4490 Brazil
- 1999 District 7790 Canada/ USA
- 2000 District 5020 Washington State/British Columbia
- 2000 District 5440 Wyoming, USA
- 2001 District 1460 Denmark
- 2002 District 1890 Germany
- 2003 District 1230 Scotland
- 2004 District 5890 Houston, Texas
- 2005 District 6560 Indiana, USA
- 2006 District 3340 Thailand
- 2007 District 7670 North Carolina, USA
- 2008 District 7870 New Hampshire/Vermont
- 2009 District 4710 Brazil
- 2010 District 7820 Nova Scotia/ Prince Edward Island, Eastern Canada
- 2011 District 3860 Philippines
- 2011 District 3470 Taiwan (*in the district but not hosted by the Club*)

## **NOMINEES FROM THE CLUB**

Nominees from our Club who were accepted for GSE teams going overseas were:

1. Warwick Fairfax, a Teacher at Coreen Special School, Blacktown, who went for six weeks with a team to South Carolina and Texas USA in 1975;
2. Peter Dooley, a Solicitor, went to Florida USA in 1977. This team attended and spoke at a Ladies Night at the Club on 19<sup>th</sup> October 1976. Peter was a guest speaker at the Club during the 1979 Rotary Foundation Week;
3. John Hodge of The Salvation Army, in 1978 went to South Africa. John later became a member of the Rotary Club;
4. Kerry Bartlett, a School Teacher, went to Denmark in 1980.
5. Brad Billett an employee of Blacktown City Council went to District 3470, Taiwan in 2011

## **IPAC PROJECTS**

IPAC (International Projects Advisory Committee) became an activity of Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd.

The Rotary Club has supported this Committee since 1976.

During the 1976 - 1977 Rotary year, a total of \$650 was contributed to four IPAC programs in Bangladesh, India. The money, raised at a Wine Bottling Night was used to construct two tube wells and two low cost houses.

Hari Misra, International Service Director 1978 - 1979, and the Rotary Clubs of Dacca, Chadpur and Feni had organised Eye Clinics for the people in Bangladesh who otherwise would not have access to medical facilities.

In the Eye Clinics, people from a group of remote villages are treated. Those who undergo cataract operations stay in the temporary hospital for at least 10 days during which period food and medicine are provided free.

The surgeons and medical teams come from all over the world and give of their service free. Donations provide for their board and lodging.

From 1978 - 1986 donations raised by the Sergeant-at-Arms in the 'fines session' were sent to support the Eye Clinics and totalled \$6,250.

In the 1989 - 1990 Rotary year \$2,040 was donated as a result of a tremendous effort by Sergeant-at-Arms, David Stone. During the 1990 - 1991 year \$1,700 was raised.

The Rotary Club of Pampat wrote to the Club in 1988 and requested support for their Eye Clinic Program. A box full of medicine and \$1,700 were forwarded as the Club's contribution. An engraved silver-coated Plate was received from the Rotary Club of Pampat Mid-town India in recognition of this donation.

In 1990, \$360 was donated for Leprosy patients in Indonesia.

This is an IPAC project run by The Salvation Army. Eighteen patients were helped with \$20 covering the cost of medication of a patient for a year.

## **GAMES NIGHTS AND 'FESTS'**

A Games Night and barbecue was held at Ian Scharkie's on 30<sup>th</sup> October 1965 to raise money for the Father and Son Movement office. This was organised by Art Verman with the assistance from the Community Service Committee in particular and all Club members in general. The chief cooks were Ury Stafford, Bruce Carne and Bill Young.

The profit of \$342 was used for finishing the Father and Son Movement office.

In 1966 and 1967 successful barbeques were held at the homes of Arthur Cross and Jim Moffatt.

A Games Night at the home of Helmut Delfs in Kellyville on 28<sup>th</sup> March 1969 raised \$400. The Annual Games Night held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1969 at Janne and Ian Scharkie's home at Vinegar Hill was an occasion of shared work, fun and fellowship with members of the Holroyd Rotary Club.

The Games Night proceeds were shared with each Club receiving \$484.

During 1970 - 1971 two successful Games Nights were held in conjunction with the Holroyd Rotary Club, one in November 1970 and the other in June 1971. The November night was at Ian Scharkie's home.

Each club netted in excess of \$1,000 for their general funds.

A Car Rally and barbecue was held at John Heath's home on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 1971.

The Games Night in 1972 became an Octoberfest. This night was based on traditional German Fests.

Gunther Geyer through his contacts with the German-Australia Club was able to obtain a supply of imported German beer and a number of Bavarian mugs plus traditional gingerbread hearts.

The Fest was held at Jim Moffatt's home. The grounds were lit by strings of coloured lights. A dance floor was set up to allow for dancing to a traditional Bavarian Band.

Colourful tents housed all the attractions and stalls. The women were dressed in dirndl's and the men in shorts and leather braces.

It was a very colourful night except for one thing, it poured with rain the whole evening. Even so, all present stayed on and enjoyed the fun although at the end they were squelching through mud.

With the assistance of members of the Rotaract Club, Rotarians and their wives raised \$1,000.

The 1973 Novemberfest was organised by Frank Sachse who was assisted in the planning by the whole Club. The project also had the full support of the wives of the Rotarians.

For the staging of this function the Club was very grateful to Joe Reedy, who made available the business premises of Reedy and Pike. Even though, because of the rain, the Novemberfest had to be held inside, the venue lent itself to this.

The combination of good food, 'a little wine, beer and spirits', excellent music and a few 'games' provided the right ingredients for a really fine night of entertainment and fellowship.

Public support was whole-hearted and the night resulted in a profit of approximately \$1,300.

The Novemberfest in 1974, with the Rotaractors assistance, was an outstanding social and financial success raising \$2,500. The function received generous community support.

A Novemberfest, again held at Joe Reedy's in 1975 raised \$1,362 and the 1976 Octoberfest raised \$1,460.

Both these functions were supported by Rotarians, their ladies and the Rotaractors.

## POLICE CITIZENS BOYS CLUB

The idea of forming a club in order to take boys off the streets of the poorer and less advantaged areas of Sydney was the brainwave of former Police Commissioner William Mackay, incidentally a member of the Rotary Club of Sydney.

It is not generally remembered that the now familiar Police Citizens Boys Club originally started as the Police and Rotary Boys Club but in keeping with Rotary tradition Rotary retired once the Clubs had been established and were fully functional.



Sergeant Hansen, Superintendent of Parramatta Police and Citizens Boys Club, addressed the Rotary Club on 10<sup>th</sup> August 1965 and on 13<sup>th</sup> December 1966. In these talks he outlined the work of the Police Boys Clubs, stressed the need for a Club in the Blacktown area and outlined the cost and steps required to build a Club.

When it was decided to start a Police Boys Club in Blacktown, Rotary accepted the challenge to assist and this became the major project of the Club from 1966 onwards.

Following Constable Geoff Turner's visit to the Club in August 1969 when he pointed out that \$60,000 was required as a deposit, the Rotary Club decided to organise a Walkathon on 16<sup>th</sup> November 1969. The Principals and staff of 10 High Schools, 21 Primary Schools and 9 Private Schools enthused their pupils to participate. As a result \$6,500 was raised. This donation proved to be one of the largest amounts ever received by a Police Boys Club.

Due to this assistance the Federation was able to proceed with the calling of tenders for the erection of a clubhouse.

The Police Boys Club Federation agreed to accept 'gifts in kind' instead of money and the Rotary Club proceeded to contact construction firms. In July 1971 a successful 200 Club was launched to raise funds to aid the Police Citizens Boys Club.

During the Rotary year 1971 - 1972, Harry Leftwich, Community Service Director, devised a scheme for building a house with the proceeds from the sale of the house to be donated to the Blacktown Police Boys Club.

The Federation of Police Citizens Boys Clubs made available money for the purchase of land in Seven Hills Road, Seven Hills, opposite the Carrier Air Conditioning Factory. Business people in the Club's district were asked by the Blacktown Rotarians to make materials and services available, at cost or by donation, for this worthwhile project.

The net proceeds from the sale of the 10 square 'house that Rotary built' was 6,605 pounds. When asked why he undertook such a mammoth task Harry replied 'the Devil made me do it'.

The cost of obtaining a boxing ring cover for the Police Boys Club, \$275, was donated by the Rotary Club. Rotarian Bill Bownes arranged for the purchase of the canvas and for the making of the cover.

# POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

On August 7<sup>th</sup> 1999, the inaugural Police Officer of the Year Award Presentation Evening was held. This Award acknowledges acts of kindness, courtesy, understanding, compassion or devotion to duty by officers of the NSW Police Service serving the community of Blacktown in the Blacktown Local Area Command.



Nominations for the award (for service in the previous calendar year) could only be submitted by members of the community. The Awards have been supported by the Blacktown LAC, Blacktown City Council and the Blacktown Workers' Club and sponsored by Westpoint from 2001.

For the inaugural Award, twelve (12) officers were nominated and the recipient for service in 1998 was Senior Constable Steve Gillett.

Fourteen (14) officers were nominated for the second Award in held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2000 and the recipient was Sergeant James Benson.

For service in 2000 there were nineteen (19) nominations and the Award recipient on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2001 was Senior Constable Alan Grant.

Of the forty-five (45) nominations received during the course of the three Awards there has been forty-two (42) different officers nominated. This speaks highly of the calibre of Officers operating from the Blacktown Local Area Command and the local community can be extremely proud of the calibre of Officers serving them.

Each officer nominated receives a personalised, framed certificate. The annual recipient of the Award also receives a plaque that is a small replica of the Perpetual Trophy that is retained at the Blacktown Police Station.

Officers, their families and friends really appreciate the Award because it is public recognition for service that is provided in a demanding career. A special evening is held at the Blacktown Workers' Club when in excess of a hundred and thirty people attend the evening.

Superintendent Les Wales from Blacktown Local Area Command was fully supportive of the Award and considerable support and assistance was also received from his staff in organising the annual Award, as has been the case with succeeding Blacktown LAC Superintendents.

Past President David Bamford was the 'driving force' behind the establishment of this Award.

Service Nominations in	POTY Award	Highly Commended
1998	12	Snr. Const. Steve Gillett
1999	14	Sgt. Jim Benson
2000	19	Snr. Const. Alan Grant
2001	19	Const. Danny Hickson
2002	18	Snr. Const. Dave Cunningham
		Const. Andrew Brown & Det. Leading Snr. Cons. Dave Parmeter

Service Nominations in		POTY Award	Highly Commended
2003	22	Leading Snr. Const. Dave Donovan	Snr. Const. Kim Reily & Sgt. Dave Cunningham
2004	22	Snr. Const. Shaun Edwards	Const. Nagi Attaalla
2005	11	Snr. Const. Greg Brown	
2006	16	Sgt. Andrew Brown	Prob. Const. Karen Gosling
2007	14	Snr. Const. Michelle Goble	Const. Brad Jorgenson & Sgt. Ross Murphy
2008	10	Const. Jason Cook	Prob. Const. Tye Gardner
2009	9	Const. Martyn Marklew	Const. Mina Matta & Snr. Const. Robert Weekes
2010	11	Const. Mark Harrison	Leading. Snr. Const. Grace Castagne Sgt. Andrew Knight Snr. Const. Perry Halvorsen Const. Andrew Norman

*Up to 2011 there have been 197 nominations for 136 different Officers.*

## TRAFFIC OFFENDERS PROGRAM (TOP) INC

The Traffic Offenders Program (TOP) was implemented on 5<sup>th</sup> March 1992 by Graham Symes as co-ordinator. Graham was employed by the Ambulance Service of NSW and co-ordinates the Program in a voluntary capacity, in his own time and up until September 1998 out of his own pocket.



This Program has assisted over 12,501 offenders to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011. Offenders have been drawn from forty-six (46) Local and District Courts stretching from Newcastle to Nowra and west to Bathurst.

In 1998 President Elwyn Grigg asked Past President David Bamford to establish an Advisory Board to assist Graham Symes and to secure funding for the Program. Past President Ken Fairfax from our Club also joined the Board and David Bamford has held the position of Honorary Chairman since September 1998.

Our Club provided a facsimile machine and covered the cost of two years' Public Liability insurance for TOP. Since 2003 the Blacktown RSL Club has provided sponsorship for the program of \$209,000. This means that offenders attend the program free of charge.

## CHARTERING THE ROTARY CLUB OF SEVEN HILLS

During 1973 - 1974 the new Rotary Club of Seven Hills was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Blacktown.

This achievement was brought about by the efforts of Past President Dick White in launching the project and Past President Helmut Delfs whose dedication as District Governor's Special Representative made the project a reality.

The Charter Night, held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 1974 at the Wentworthville Leagues Club, was a memorable occasion.

District Governor Frank McDonald inducted the Charter Members of the Seven Hills Club, invested its Officers and Directors, and presented the Charter to its President Dick Scott-Murphy.

Bill Bownes, President of the Rotary Club of Blacktown, conveyed the best wishes of all those present for a successful inaugural year to the President, Officers, Directors and Members of the new Club.

Past President Helmut Delfs was appropriately thanked for his efforts in successfully launching a new Rotary Club.

## **CHARTERING THE ROTARY CLUB OF PROSPECT**

The concept of a new Club for the area was widely explored. An active Steering Committee consisting of Bob Bensley, Joe Harris, Peter Price, John Smith and David Bamford as District Governor Alan Grady's Special Representative went to work.

The breakfast Club of Prospect was chartered on 19<sup>th</sup> May 1994 at a special function held at the Rooty Hill Resort on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 1994. Nearly 300 District Rotarians and their partners were in attendance with former Blacktown City Past President John Smith being inducted as its Charter President.

The nearby Rotary Club of Seven Hills surrendered its charter on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1993 and some members became members of the Prospect Club.

District Governor Alan Grady inducted twenty-six (26) members in front of nearly 300 Rotarians, partners and guest. The function proved another highlight in the history of our Club and for those involved in the development and Charter of the new Club.

## **INTERNATIONAL YEARS AND OUR CLUB**

### **INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD**

The United Nations proclaimed 1979 the International Year of the Child.

The Rotary Club of Blacktown City was approached by the IYC District Committee to assist. Drew Moffatt represented the Club on this Committee.



Our Club Rotary and the Lions Club combined, at the request of the Committee, to conduct a Gala Day for children at the Blacktown Showground on 14<sup>th</sup> July. A wide and varied program was organised by members of both Clubs for children of all ages.

## INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS



1981 was the International Year of Disabled Persons (IYDP). The Blacktown City Council convened two meetings in December 1980 and as a result, the Blacktown City IYDP Committee was set up.

Members of the Rotary Club attended both meetings in 1980. Its then President, Alex Pedersen, was elected President of the IYDP Committee. With President John Smith's concurrence he completed his year of office during the whole of 1981.

The IYDP Committee had a successful year, setting up three sub-committees which investigated the needs of the Disabled in the Blacktown City area. The IYDP Committee's activities were many and varied. In all nineteen projects were successfully organised bringing the needs and problems of the disabled before the public.

Joan Timperley, the secretary of the Committee and herself a disabled person, was the main driving force in the Committee's work. In her report she thanked the Rotary Club for its assistance.

It is pleasing to note the Committee was one of the most successful of the IYDP Committees in the State and a newly constituted Committee was still working for the disabled in 1984..

As a result of his work on the IYDP Committee, Past President Alex Pedersen received an Australia Day Citizen Award in January 1982, the only person not living in the Blacktown Municipality to receive it.

## GOLF TOURNAMENTS

### PRO-AM GOLF TOURNAMENTS

This venture was commenced in 1976. Geoff Driver, a dynamic Community Service Director, came up with the idea of a Pro-Am Golf Tournament.

Geoff organised the Tournament for six months. After he resigned from the Rotary Club due to a transfer interstate Ron Boxall carried on the organisation.

The \$1,500 Pro-Am Golf Tournament was held 21<sup>st</sup> March 1977 at Castle Hill Country Club. The proceeds of the day, \$2,800, were sufficient to meet the cost of a second hand 14 seater mini-bus for the handicapped children of Coreen School in Blacktown.

The second Pro-Am was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1978 at Castle Hill Country Club and was organised by John Smith and his Community Service Committee.

The proceeds of the day of \$2,000 were given to the Blacktown District Hospital and were put towards the cost of a Cardiac Monitoring Unit being established at the Hospital.

The 1979 Pro-Am was held at Fox Hills Golf Club. The organisation was under the very capable direction of Treasurer John Smith. The amount of \$1,980 raised again went towards the cost of the Blacktown Hospital's Cardiac Monitoring Unit.

In 1980 the Pro-Am Tournament was again held at Fox Hills Golf Course and without the efforts of Kevin Boxall there would have been little likelihood of the Tournament being held.

\$1,200 profit from the day was presented to the Blacktown Hospital.

### **AMATEUR GOLF TOURNAMENT**

In 1981 the Pro-Am was changed to an Amateur Golf Tournament which was held at Ashlar Golf Course. Past President Ron Boxall was responsible for the organisation. This day was run in conjunction with the Blacktown City Council 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. The \$1,140 that was raised went to the Mt Druitt Paraplegic Stadium Appeal.

## **ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS - RYLA**



To cater for youth in the community Rotary clubs have fostered the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) and Rotaract Clubs.

Since 1969 our Club has been sending awardees to Youth Leadership Camps. These young people have become leaders in church and community organisations, members and officer-bearers of Rotaract Clubs, and not least, members of Rotary Clubs.

### **1969**

Claudette Gely, Marco Faber and Robert Lance were the first RYLARIANS from the Club to attend the RYLA Assembly held at the National Fitness Camp at Narrabeen.

### **1970**

After their return from the weeklong assembly Christopher Bryett, Phillip Paddison and Alex Sajkic spoke so enthusiastically as to convince the fellows the program should be continued.

### **1971**

RYLARIANS Greg Hardy and Susan Kitchen provided a very interesting program at a Club meeting.

### **1972**

The Club sponsored Sue Friend and Jim Hando for the Assembly held this year at Vision Valley, Arcadia.

### **1973**

Maurice Langley and Ann Taylor enjoyed their experience at the Assembly.

### **1974**

The three Awardees were Brian Barton, Judith Page and Bob Shrusz.

## **1975**

In this year there were again three Awardees.

## **1976**

Barry Bundy was the sole Awardee this year. He addressed the Club and told of his experiences at the Assembly.

## **1977**

Jenny Payne and Bob Palmer, two Blacktown Rotaractors, attended the first Assembly at the Blue Gum Lodge Springwood. Both attended a Rotary meeting and told of the benefits they received. Bob Palmer became Rotaract President in 1977 - 1978 and later became its Treasurer.

## **1978**

The two Awardees had to withdraw as they were unable to obtain leave of absence from their employers.

## **1980**

Debra Cook attended and afterwards addressed the Club, telling us what she had learned and achieved.

## **1981**

The Awardees were Rhonda Beach and Sandra Ray. They were later presented with certificates at a Rotary meeting.

## **1982**

The Awardees at this Assembly were Susan Benter and Loyola Lavin.

## **1983**

Kathryn Gorman and Cheryl Waller, both connected with the Girl Guide Movement, were sponsored.

## **1984**

Jennifer White, involved in working with Handicapped Young People, and Deborah Smith of Blacktown Rotaract, were sponsored.

## **1985**

Three Awardees were sponsored, Helen Lampard, Karen Dobbie and Craig Harris.

## **1986**

Two Awardees were sponsored, Lisa Rundle and Kirk Batston.

## **1987**

Paul and John Micheletti attended the Assembly at the Blue Gum Lodge, Springwood, from 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> February 1988.

At the Club meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> February they related their experiences and expressed appreciation for being given the opportunity to attend.

## **1988**

One nominee was sponsored.

## **1989**

The RYLA participant was Jamie Vincent.

## **1991 - 1992**

The participant was Tiffany Jordan.

## **1992 - 1993**

The participant was Glen Ramsay.

## **1993 - 1994**

Susan Barter and Matt Purser attended RYLA.

## **1994 - 1995**

The participant was Nickesh Thakorla.

## **1997 - 1998**

Ian Barter and Mardi Humfrey were the participants.

## **1999 - 2000**

The participants were Amanda Robinson, Bonita Laidler, Prelina Udayan, Ravi Trikam and Shumit Patra.

### **Participants**

2000 – 2001	Scott Bassington & Coralie Rotgans
2001 – 2002	Amy den Hartog & Robbie Donnelly
2002 – 2003	Jan Francisa & Madel Guevarra
2003 – 2004	Xuan Dang
2004 – 2005	David Jenkins
2005 – 2006	Zenova Petiera & Ian Capito
2006 – 2007	None
2007 – 2008	None
2008 – 2009	Davin Baldwin & Tahlia Gannon
2009 - 2010	None

## SIEMENS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE (SSE)



Year 10 students from some of our local High Schools have been given the opportunity for a hands-on science experience at Universities. Attendees have been:

### 1992 - 1993

Six students attended.

### 1993 - 1994

Lucan Sinclair.

### 1994 - 1995

Kristina Quedding.

### 1995 - 1996

Renee Petkovich, Sean Trainer and Paul Gillespie.

### 1997 - 1998

Jacqueline de Souza and Patricia Lawless.

2000 – 2001 Four students

2001 – 2002 Eric Peitrowski & Samuel Polur

## NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (NYSF)



2002 – 2003 Tarth Shah

2009 – 2010 Anushka Thevaamanoharan

## INTERACT CLUBS



The Club's first involvement with Interact was an attempt to form an Interact Club at Blacktown Boys' High School in the 1962 - 1963 Rotary year without success.

### PENDLE HILL HIGH SCHOOL CLUB

However, in 1967, the Blacktown Rotary Club established an Interact Club at Pendle Hill High School. The first meeting was held on 19<sup>th</sup> October and the Charter Night on 28<sup>th</sup> November. Harry Thompson was the teacher in charge.

Ken Forrester, a new teacher at Pendle Hill High School, revitalised the Interact Club in 1971, following Harry Thompson's transfer in 1969 and a consequent drop-off in enthusiasm in 1970.

In 1970, the District's first Interact Assembly was conducted at Narrabeen National Fitness Camp by the District Interact Committee under its Chairman Dick White from the Blacktown Rotary Club. Pendle Hill Interactors were sponsored at this successful weekend seminar by the Rotary Club.

Under the Rotary Club's Youth Director Peter Price and Teacher-Adviser Ken Forrester, many successful projects were undertaken by the Interact Club from 1971 - 1974. For example in September 1972, a combined effort of the Rotary Club, Rotaract Club and the Interact Club resulted in a successful campaign to clean up Old Windsor Road in the Rotary Club's area.

The Interact Club, in February 1975, was handed over to the newly formed Rotary Club of Seven Hills, as Pendle Hill was in this Club's area.

As a result the Blacktown Club was able to set up two new Interact Clubs.

### **EVANS HIGH SCHOOL CLUB**

An Interact Club was formed at Evans High School in 1976 with the support of its Principal Allan Kelly. The teachers in charge were Margaret Kankor and Ken Hall whose support was instrumental in forming the Club.

The Charter Night was held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 1976 at which District Governor Allan L'Green presented the Club with its Charter.

This Club functioned for a number of years. However when the teachers in charge were transferred the Interact Club ceased to function.

### **DOONSIDER HIGH SCHOOL CLUB**

Thanks to the support of the Principal of Doonside High School, Alex Pedersen, a member of the Rotary Club of Blacktown and the co-operation of teachers in charge of Community Service Clubs in the School, an Interact Club was established at Doonside High School in the second half of 1976. Keith Lyons was the teacher in charge of the Club.

The Charter Night was held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 1976 at which District Governor Dr Ron Jennaway spoke to those present and handed over the Club's Charter.

This Club also functioned successfully until the teacher in charge Keith Lyons was transferred at the end of 1984.

The story of Interact Clubs in the Rotary Club of Blacktown City has shown the importance of an enthusiastic and dedicated teacher within the High School who is supported by a responsible Rotarian within the Club.

# ROTARACT CLUB OF BLACKTOWN



## FORMATION OF THE ROTARACT CLUB OF BLACKTOWN

In 1970 the Board of the Rotary Club of Blacktown decided to establish a Rotaract Club with the assistance of RYLIANS. Harry Leftwich was appointed Chairman of a Rotaract Committee and was assisted by Allan King and Marwood Kingsmill.

An interest meeting was held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1970 after a regular Rotary meeting and there was a good attendance of potential members.

## CHARTER NIGHT

The Rotaract Club of Blacktown was charted on 24<sup>th</sup> November 1970.

Marwood Kingsmill was Chairman for the evening. Other Rotarians taking part in the Chartering were Henry Beran, President; and Tom Robinson, Secretary. Harry Leftwich and Allan King were the Rotary advisers to the newly formed Club.

Past District Governor Ian Hudson, representing District Governor Harry Pickett, inducted the Charter members and presented the Charter.

Marco Faber, the first President of the Rotaract Club presented its first Officers and Board members. After this Stephen Lesser, District Governor Rotaract District 268, gave the Occasional Address.

## CHARTER OFFICERS AND BOARD

President	Marco Faber
Vice President	Colin Parbery
Secretary	Claudette Gely
Treasurer	Beryl Creswell
Directors	Trevor Bartley
	Larry Bartley
	Jean Collins
	Jim Friend

## CHARTER MEMBERS (30)

Trevor Bartley	David Borg
Larry Bowman	Christopher Bryett
Del Cassell	Jean Collins
Beryl Creswell	Peter Delfs
Jan Dorsett	Marco Faber
James Friend	Susan Friend
Claudette Gely	Steven Grey
James Hando	Garry Hardy
Marlene Harris	Ruth Irvine
Terry Kaskow	Josef Clamo
John May	Cheryl Nicholas

Gale Ogle	Ruth Page
Colin Parbery	Denise Richards
Frances Sainsbury	Martyn Salmon
Julianne Williams	Neil Wright

## **PAST PRESIDENTS OF BLACKTOWN ROTARACT**

1970 – 1971	Marco Faber	1971 - 1972	Trevor Bartley
1972 - 1973	Jim Hando	1973 - 1974	Stan Sek
1974 - 1975	Peter Renshaw	1975 - 1976	Allan Toomey
1976 - 1977	Bill Green	1977 - 1978	Bob Palmer
1978 - 1979	David Meers & Liz Moat	1979 - 1980	Liz Moat
1980 - 1981	Cathy Wall	1981 - 1982	Cathy Wall
1982 - 1983	Deborah Smith	1983 - 1984	Deborah Smith
1984 - 1985	Greg Parton	1985 - 1986	Chris Bradshaw
1986 - 1987	Garry Anderson	1987 - 1988	Ian Price

## **NOTABLE EVENTS IN THE CLUB'S HISTORY**

### **1970 - 1971**

President Marco Faber requested and received copies of Rotary Down Under for circulation among the members of Rotaract.

### **1971 - 1972**

Rotaract meetings were well conducted and well attended. Rotarians attended these meetings on a roster basis.

### **1972 - 1973**

The Rotaract Club began the year with 40 financial members and ended up with between 40-45 members. Jim Hando who was President of the Club, became Rotaract District Secretary in 1973 - 1974. Anne Taylor another member of the Rotaract Club was elected District Treasurer for 1973 - 1974.

In this year the Rotaract Club established a Club Banner with the motto 'Give It a Go'. The Club supported the Werrington Boys Home with a donation of \$250 and organised functions for the boys.

\$450 was raised for the Australian Volunteers Abroad Organisation.

The Club organised the National Heart Foundation Door Knock Appeal in a Blacktown area and raised \$1,000.

A Can-a-thon Clean-up of the Great Western Highway between Prospect and Mt Druitt was successfully carried out.

The Club greatly appreciated the support given by Rotaract Chairman Helmut Delfs.

## **1973 - 1974**

Rotarians Helmut Delfs and Drew Moffatt assisted the Rotaract Club and encouraged joint involvement with the Rotary Club in their projects.

Outings were arranged for the Holy Name Family Name Orphanage and for 20 pensioners to visit Katoomba.

The Club again organised the National Heart Foundation appeal and collected \$1,600.

## **1974 - 1975**

This year the Rotaract Club was under the leadership of Peter Renshaw guided by Rotarian Joe Reedy.

The Club was responsible for the Rotaract Conference at Terrigal.

\$600 was donated to the Nepean District Sub-Normal Association.

## **1975 - 1976**

Under Rotaract President Allan Toomey the Club got to know the Rotarians through dinner meetings, an Annual Cricket Match and a delightful barbecue at Prospect Reservoir.

The enthusiasm and dedication of Rotaract Chairman Alex Sajkic contributed to the successful year.

## **1976 - 1977**

The Club made good progress during the year with Bill Green as President.

The Club ran the District New Year's Eve Dance.

Donations were made to the Drug Referral Centre, Arcadia, and to the Deaf and Blind Institute at North Rocks.

## **1977 - 1978**

Gary Delfs was President of Rotaract in its eighth year.

Rotaract Chairman Colin Parbery assisted the Club with its main projects for the year, which were the Fespic Games, the Blacktown Citizens Boys Club and Foundation 41.

## **1978 - 1979**

The Rotaract Club this year had two Presidents - Allan Meers and Liz Moat.

Rotaract Chairman Joe Reedy started a tradition of regularly attending Rotaract Meetings. This was continued by 'Uncle Doug' Oliver in 1979 - 1980 and 'Uncle Bob' Smith from 1980 - 1982.

In this year donations were made to Thorndale School, the Police Boys Club and Blacktown Community Aid.

## **1979 - 1980**

The Rotaractors had a successful year under the Presidency of Liz Moat.

During the year the Club changed its meeting place from the Police Boys Club to the Seven Hill RSL Club. The change of meeting place added to the fellowship of the Club, stimulating its continuing work on Community Projects.

## **1980 - 1981 / 1981 - 1982**

The foundation laid by President Liz Moat and Youth Service Director Doug Oliver in the previous year was built upon by President Cathy Wall, assisted by Youth Service Director Bob Smith.

Cathy had excellent support from her committees and under her leadership all members were a credit to the Rotaract Club.

A Combined meeting of the Rotaract and Rotary Clubs was held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 1980. This meeting was conducted by both Presidents, Cathy Wall and Alex Pedersen. The two Clubs became more involved with one another through combined meetings and joint functions.

Community projects and involvement in Rotaract District Activities were a feature of these two years.

The practice of Rotarians attending Rotaract meetings on a roster system was revived in 1981 - 1982.

## **1982 - 1983**

The Rotaract Club this year supported Quakers Hill and Blacktown Nursing Homes and entered two cars in Parramatta Rotaract's Demolition Derby.

## **1983 - 1984**

Rotaract fund raising in this year through various events supplied funds for donations to the Disabled Athletes Stadium, Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children and the Disabled Athletes Olympic Appeal.

Members of the Rotaract Club took part in the Windsor Raft Race and the annual 'Priests and Prostitutes' Dance.

Christmas Carol sing-a-longs and 'caring visits' at District nursing homes were well received.

## **1984 - 1985**

Activities of the Rotaract Club this year included Nursing Home visits with sing-a-longs and gifts for Mothers Day and Christmas. A bed-push through Blacktown assisted the Leukaemia and Cancer Research Trust.

## 1985 - 1986

The Rotaract Club in this and the following year experienced problems due to falling membership.

## 1987 - 1988

Despite a nominal membership the Rotaract Club sponsored an applicant for the Princess of Blacktown Quest.

The efforts of the Youth Directors in the last few years were unsuccessful in preventing a decline of membership of the Club. This combined with the unfortunate ill health of President Ian Price resulted in the Rotaract Club Charter being surrendered in early 1988.

Warm words of appreciation need to be put on record for the valiant efforts of Peter Price and his family in their endeavours to maintain the Rotaract Club from 1985 to 1988.

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY (MUNA)

Schools involved as follows;

2000-2001	Blacktown Boys' and Blacktown Girls'
2001-2002	Blacktown Boys' x 2 and Blacktown Girls'
2002-2003	Blacktown Boys' and Blacktown Girls'
2003-2004	Blacktown Boys'
2004-2005	None
2005-2006	Blacktown Boys'
2007-2008	None
2008-2009	Blacktown Boys' and Blacktown Girls' x 2
2009-2010	None
2010-2011	Blacktown Boys'



## FARMERS MARKET



The concept of the Farmers Market first began in Kerry Baker's year (2006-2007) under his theme of 'Making a Difference in Blacktown'. An approach to Blacktown City Council in 2006 to use the Showground for the event was unsuccessful. Headed up by an enthusiastic Pam Carne the Market Committee began assessing 11 different locations.

The Committee made a formal approach to the Board of Blacktown RSL Club and received permission in early 2009 to utilise part of their car park on the third Saturday of every month.

The aim of the Farmers Market is;

- To establish a regular Farmers Market for the Blacktown community and bring fresh seasonal produce from the ‘paddock to the plate.’
- To promote the local farmers in the Sydney Basin and showcase their produce, particularly the nearby Hawkesbury region.
- To enable the Club to embark on a regular income earning venture.
- To provide an outlet for the local African community to sell their produce and wares
- To provide the local community groups with a platform to promote their organisations and fundraise.
- To promote the Rotary Club of Blacktown City to the local community and encourage membership.

The Committee was so committed to the idea of a Farmers Market that it set off each weekend and visited markets from North Sydney to Blackheath and from Rouse Hill to Camden, in all about 18 markets were visited and dozens of stall holders ‘cold canvassed’ and invited to join our Farmers Market. Considerable resistance was met to joining a new market; however 22 brave and adventurous stallholders committed themselves to launch the first Blacktown Market on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

Not since the Club launched the Art Show and the Careers Markets had such a large regular event been undertaken. To hold an event such as this on a monthly basis tested the resources and commitment of the members. Without the continuing drive and enthusiasm of Pam Carne the development of this valuable project would have been difficult to achieve.



## CATERING

Over a number of years the Club has been involved in catering at many community events, including, Blacktown Show, a number of events for Blacktown Council and Blacktown Workers Club. Two catering trailers have been used; the latter was constructed by Simon Sheddell who was made a *Friend of the Rotary Club of Blacktown City* for his efforts. This trailer was christened on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2009.



## MUSCLE CAR CRUISE



**The 'General Lee' one of the Muscle Cars that participated in the April Cruise and was also in the Blacktown City Festival Parade on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008**

The Muscle Car Cruise was the initiative of two young older-car enthusiasts Con Constantinou (son of Spiro) and David Murphy. Having held three events they felt the need for more assistance and approached the club for 'manpower'.

A Muscle Car Cruise is when a convoy of very well maintained older vehicles, primarily large Australian and American cars drive as a convoy from point A to point B where they park, inspect each others cars and enjoy each other's company.

It gave the owners the opportunity to enjoy driving their cars in a very safe way and the organisers to make sure, through contact

with the Police, that the whole event was kept free of irresponsible drivers who give a bad name to people who simply want to enjoy their special cars.

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2008 the 'Muscle Car Cruise' was organised for the first time with the involvement and support of the Club. The Cruise left from Parklea Markets and proceeded to Liverpool Shopping Centre. It was a very exciting night for all those who took part and that was almost the whole membership of our Club. \$4,700 was raised in one night despite the poor weather. More than 580 cars registered to take part but not all attended. A number of cruises followed.

All money raised went towards funding a PHD Research Scholarship with the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (ARHRF later ARH) into children's cardiac disease.

## BLACKTOWN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

These awards are an opportunity for the community to recognise those who have provided remarkable service and achieved at a high level, through the development of a service or program, for their long term commitment to a charity or organisation.

**David Bamford** was honoured on Australia Day 1995 as the Blacktown Citizen of the Year by Blacktown City Council and **Bob Smith** in 2010.

In 2006 Rotarian **Gary Raymond** was presented with the Key to City of Blacktown for his work in policing.

## PROBUS



**Then Chairman of the Probus Board of Management,  
PP Bob Bensley and Rhonda 'lei-ing'**

Bob Bensley was selected onto the Probus Centre Board of Management in 2006. In 2007 Bob was elected Vice Chairman and stepped into the role of Chairman in 2008.

Under the leadership of Bob Bensley the Probus Board completed the internal Five Year Strategic Plan for the Probus organisation and began implementing strategies and tactics related to five key areas.

Chairman Bob Bensley, in supporting the development of Probus in The Philippines, has seen the formation of six new Probus clubs within District 3820. A job well done.

## INNER WHEEL CLUB OF BLACKTOWN CITY



**Lenore Sheridan at the Inner Wheel Charter Night**

Although Inner Wheel Clubs can be formed without the involvement of a Rotary Club, 1981 - 1982 President, John Smith, set a goal of an Inner Wheel Club being formed during his year of office with the support of Blacktown City Rotary Club.

Ultimately, the goal was achieved when the Charter and Chain of Office was presented to Charter President Fran Boxall on the charter night that was held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 1982.

Since their charter, members of the Inner Wheel Club have provided much friendship and fellowship as well as supporting both local and international charitable causes. Members of the Inner Wheel Club of Blacktown City have also served the organisation at the District and National level.

Members of Inner Wheel have supported countless Rotary projects and the two clubs have been true partners in service for nearly thirty (30) years.

## AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH AND THE CLUB



Formerly known as the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund, ARH has been supported for many years both by the Club and individually. In 2000, it was decided to make each new member a Bronze *Friend of the Fund*.

Past President Mel Gray, who had one artificial knee, undertook to raise funds for a three year PHD scholarship into arthritis, by riding his bike from Blacktown to Bourke in 2006. This was followed in 2007 by a ride from Broken Hill to

Blacktown, via Wentworth and the Hay Plains. In 2008, which by this stage he had two artificial knees, Mel rode from Blacktown to Bega and then back up to Bomaderry. Mel was supported on the last two rides by Bob Bensley, Bob Gardiner and Bob Smith. Peter Price filled Bob Gardiner's place on the first ride and John Wilson became part of the support crew on the last ride.

The recipient PHD scholar was Miriam Jackson, her thesis was cartilage breakdown and looking into arthritis and its debilitating restrictiveness on mobility. Miriam addressed the club in her final year.

The fellowship and friendships gained on the rides were highlights as comments made on their return indicated.

Australian Rotary Health is well recognised and respected in country Australia, especially with the chosen research subject, as so many people could relate with suffering arthritis. These three rides raised \$75,000 in total, \$30,000 from the club, matched by \$30,000 from Australian Rotary Health and matched with \$15,000 from the University.



Miriam Jackson  
who was awarded  
the Scholarship



Mayor of Penrith Jim Aitken, Mel Gray  
and David Humphries

Following on from these rides Mel along with the support team and also joined by a fellow rider, Rotarian David Humphries from St. Mary's Rotary Club rode around the District over two days, visiting all clubs and getting all the Presidents to sign a scroll as part of the Great Bike Ride around Australia, highlighting Mental Awareness.

A few weeks later, Mel supported by 'the three Bob's' and John Wilson took off in heavy rain and set off across the Blue Mountains again to take the 'City to the Country' by riding to Forbes as part of the Around Australia Great bike

Ride. Mel was joined on the last day by fellow Rotarians Pennie Holley and Aaron Sainsbury to ride into Forbes. A scroll was signed by all three Presidents and presented to Australian Rotary Health in recognition of this ride. Culminating this last ride, some two dozen Rotarians and partners from the Blacktown Rotary Club drove out to Forbes for the weekend to join in a combined project with the two Forbes Rotary clubs of making a special garden at the TAFE for handicapped people to be able to be involved in gardening. A PHF Fellowship was also awarded to a Rotarian (Sharon Daishe) from the Rotary Club Forbes Ipomoea, in recognition of her work done both in country as well as in Africa.

When Spiro Constantinou's son Con and his friend David Murphy wanted assistance to run their Muscle Car Cruises, the Club offered to provide manpower for registrations, traffic management, cleaning etc. These events raised money for research into childhood heart problems, which was to be done by funding a three year PHD Scholarship.

The club has sponsored two students under the Indigenous Scholarship Program of Australian Rotary Health. In 2004 Lesley Wright studied Behavioural and Social Health Science at UWS and graduated. In 2005 and 2006 Sarah Jane Dunn studied Medicine at University of NSW and graduated in 2006.

The object of this program is to provide a scholarship, to assist Indigenous students with their day-to-day expenses while they undertake a course in a wide range of health related professions. The purpose of the program is to assist students to gain an education which will in turn enable them to use this education for the benefit of other Indigenous people - hopefully, but not necessarily, in some of our remote areas.

## FRIEND OF ROTARY

In 2009 - 2010 the Club introduced the 'A Friend of the Rotary Club of Blacktown City'. This recognises a person of standing in the community, who adds value to the Rotary club because they share our ideals and standards.



As with membership of the Rotary club, a Friend of Rotary is invited to become associated with the Rotary club and is then able to share our fellowship by attendance at our meetings and activities.

<b>2009</b>	<b>Simon Sheddien</b> (provided great assistance with the constructing of the Club's catering trailer)
<b>2010</b>	<b>Leighton Farrell</b> (former member - assistance over many areas through Blacktown Council)

## SMOKE ALARM AND BATTERY REPLACEMENT (SABRE) PROJECT



In April 2003 a local resident sadly died in a house fire when he returned to the house to save his young child. The house unfortunately did not have a smoke alarm that could have warned him of the fire.

One of our members, David Bamford, the Community representative on Blacktown City Council's Community Safety Co-ordinating Committee (BCCSC) raised the fire and death at the next Safety Committee meeting (19<sup>th</sup> June 2003) and highlighted the house did not have a smoke alarm.

Steve Woods, who was also a member of the BCCSC, was the Community Risk Manager for the NSW Fire Brigades (now Fire and Rescue NSW) for the West Region. He advised that a few years ago the NSW Fire Brigades and Blacktown City Council worked together in providing smoke alarms for elderly residents and felt there was a need to look at doing something similar again.

David Bamford suggested our Club work in partnership with the 'Firies' to initiate such a project subject to funding being secured and Steve Woods readily agreed to this proposal.

This joint project met identified priority community needs as the Mission Statement for the Community Safety Co-ordinating Committee is 'To improve the safety and well-being of people within Blacktown City'. It also satisfied two areas of the Community Development Support Expenditure (CDSE) Scheme Target groups; namely 'Older People (55+ years)' and 'People with a Disability'.

A letter was sent on behalf of our Club seeking CDSE funding of \$15,000 for the purpose of installing smoke alarms (and replacing batteries) for elderly and disabled residents in the Blacktown Local Government Area (LGA). The Blacktown Workers Club supported this project and provided the funds in early 2004.

Steve Woods then sourced suitable alarms that would be installed by local 'Firies' and we set about promoting the project through local newspapers, the Workers Club Newsletter to members and through contacts Rotary had.

Following a number of deaths due to household fires in May/June 2005 then Rotary Secretary David Bamford conducted an on-air radio interview with Ray Hadley 2GB (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2005) promoting our initiative and the project and hoping that we would receive additional requests. The Blacktown Workers' Club who provided the funds through the CDSE Scheme was acknowledged on two occasions during the 3-4 minute interview.

Ray Hadley complimented our Club on its initiative.

During the course of this project there had been a change to the type of alarm allowed; from an ionisation type to photo-electric alarms which of course, were more expensive. In addition, Steve Woods advised David there was also a need for smoke alarms for the hearing impaired so the last of the funds were used to purchase five special alarms.



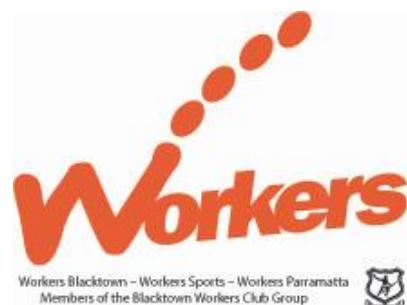
(L to R) Kerry Priem – first hearing impaired recipient, with then President Jim Buckley (Blacktown Workers Group) and then Rotary President David Brown with a NSW 'Firie'

While the pick-up rate was slow it took some time (until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007) for all funds to be expended. Over the course of this project 862 smoke alarms, including five special alarms for the hearing impaired, were installed by the NSW Fire Brigades under this Club Community Service project.

With all the SABRE funds expended by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007 we still had one alarm to be installed. This alarm was for a hearing impaired lady in Doonside, Mrs Kerry Priem and while it took time to arrange a convenient date it was finally installed on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2007.

At the Blacktown Workers' Club Christmas Picnic in December 2007 the then President Jim Buckley and Director Terry O'Loughlin both advised they were pleased to be involved with our Club and this project and should we require additional funds to install more special alarms we only had to ask and the matter would be referred to the Board.

David Bamford then arranged for a quote for another 30 special alarms for hearing impaired residents and approached the Workers Club for a further \$12,500 which was duly approved. On Saturday evening 7<sup>th</sup> February 2009 NSW Fire Brigades Zone Commander, Metro West 1 Superintendent Alex Scott joined President Elect John Wilson and David Bamford at the Blacktown Workers' Club for the presentation of the \$12,250 cheque.



These funds, again donated from the Community Development Support Expenditure (CDSE) Scheme, were for smoke alarms for elderly hearing impaired residents in the Blacktown LGA.

This was the second significant funding for the SABRE project by the Workers' Club as we had received \$15,000 back in 2004. Under this original funding 862 smoke alarms, including five special alarms for the hearing impaired, had been installed.

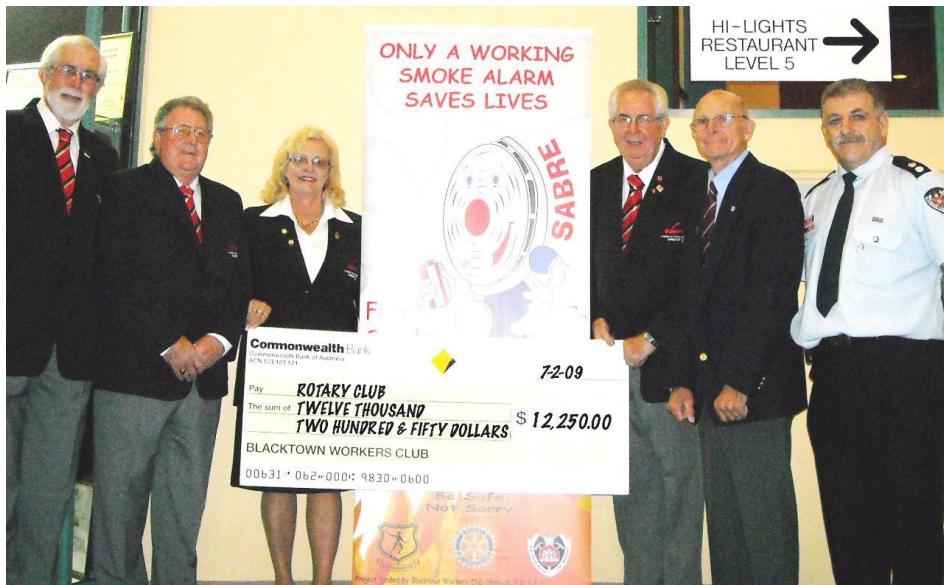


Following receipt of the \$12,250 the NSW Fire Brigades set about identifying elderly hearing-impaired residents in the Blacktown LGA who could benefit from such an alarm. The \$12,250 purchased 30 specialised alarms for the hearing impaired. Unlike other states, unfortunately there is no government assistance for the hearing impaired when they need to purchase their own special alarm.

Our Club continued to work in partnership with the NSW Fire Brigades and the Deaf Society who provided the names of hearing impaired recipients in the Blacktown LGA.

Mrs Anna Kaszonyi from Doonside was the first recipient (under the new funding) and President John and David Bamford, with President Kay Kelly (Blacktown Workers' Club) attended the installation on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

Another example of 'Making a difference in Blacktown'; especially for the elderly and disabled.



## ADDENDUM A

### CLUB MEMBERSHIP at 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2011

#### **Members**

	Classification
Anderson, Arthur	Real Estate Agencies
Baecker, Gus	Toolmaking
Bamford, David	Motorist Services
Bensley, Bob	Banking Private
Carne, Pam	Real Estate Agencies
Clarke, Clarrie	Building Society Administration.
Constantinou, Spiro	Food Retailing
Danam, Raymond	Engineering - Electrical
de Vries, Peter	Boiler Manufacturing
Dickens, Russ	Veterinary Clinical Practice
Edokpolor, Grace	Religion.
Fairfax, Ken	General Law Practice
Galas, Nelma	Health - Education
Gardiner, Bob	Marking & Coding
Garske, Peter	Pharmacy
Gray, Melvin	Courier Services
Grigg, Elwyn	Religion Administration – Salvation Army
Hanna, Rita	Legal Practice - General
Harmer, Andrew	Ambulance Services
Holley, Pennie	School Administration
Johnson, Gail	Motor Registries
Kehal, Harbhajan	Tertiary Education
Kellie, Daniel	Hotel Management
Kelly, Ivan	Employment Services
Makinson, Peter	Oral Surgery
Manalo, Marivic	Cleaning Products - Distribution
McInally, Michael (Scotty)	Ambulance Services
Meyer, Kathy	Vocational Education
Misra, Hara	Medical Practice
Natoli, Renata	Education - Primary
Orr, Tony	Ambulance Services
Powell, Ted	Education - Primary
Raymond, Gary	Law Enforcement Administration
Sayas, Atoy	Travel Agencies
Sayas, Tess	Travel Agencies
Sethuram, Lalli	Chemical Manufacturing
Shedden, Zena	Youth Welfare Services
Smith, Bob	Meat Retailing
Smith, John	Property Services
Smith, Rob	Motor Vehicle Repairs
Stalker, Manie	Windscreen Service
Stanwell, Ray	General Printing
Vincent, Bob	Hairdressing
von Schomburg, Otto	Management Consultancy

## **CLUB MEMBERSHIP at 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2011**

<b>Members</b>		<b>Classification</b>
White, Dick	Past District Governor, Past President PHF3	Dentistry
Wilson, John	Past President	Ice Rink Management
Winter, Len	Past President PHF	Education - Primary

## **HONORARY MEMBERS**

Coward, George	Past President, PHF
Di Lorenzo, Jack	
Filmer, Peter	PHF
Pedersen, Alex	Past President PHF
Price, Peter	Past President PHF2

## ADDENDUM B (as from 1 July 2010)

### Members of the Rotary Club of Blacktown City Inc.



Marc Allison



David Brown



Jack di Lorenzo (H)



Mel Gray



Jim Hollier



Arthur Anderson



Pam Carne



Russ Dickens



Elwyn Grigg



Gail Johnson



Gus Baeker



Clarrie Clark



George Doublesin



Neville Habkouk



Harbhajan Kehal



Kerry Baker



Spiro Constantinou



Ken Fairfax



Ralph Hanna



Daniel Kellie



David Bamford



George Coward (H)



Nelma Galas



Rita Hanna



Ivan Kelly



Norm Beckett



Raymond Danam



Bob Gardiner



Andrew Harmer



Charlie Lowles (H)



Bob Bensley



Peter de Vries



Peter Gaske



Pennie Holley



Peter Makinson

## Members of the Rotary Club of Blacktown City Inc.



Marivic Manalo



Alex Pedersen (H)



Lalli Sethuram



Otto von Schomburg



Grace Edokpolor



Scotty McInally



Ted Powell



Zena Sheddern



Bob Vincent



Greg McIntyre



Peter Price (H)



Bob Smith



Dick White



Kathy Meyer



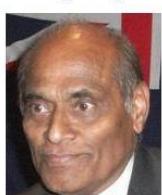
Gary Raymond



John Smith



Dennis Whiting



Hari Misra



Aaron Sainsbury



Rob Smith



John Wilson



Renata Natoli



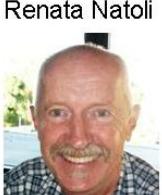
Atoy Sayas



Manie Stalker



Len Winter



Tony Orr



Tess Sayas



Ray Stanwell



Lotta Koskela  
Exchange Student

*(H) Honorary Members*

## ADDENDUM C

### MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - ROTARY CLUB OF WENTWORTHVILLE

#### 1961 - 1962 - Membership 24

##### INDUCTIONS

Ahern, M.G. (Mike) .....	29-03-62	Dentistry
Bruce, E.R. (Ted) .....	29-03-62	Electrical Contracting
Govorko, L.A. (Laddie) .....	29-03-62	Medicine
Paine, A.C. (Alton) .....	26-06-62	Hairdressing

##### RESIGNATIONS

Attneave, K.F. (Keith) .....	08-03-62
Black, J.H. (John) .....	29-03-62
Brien, H.A. (Harry) .....	03-06-62
Govorko, L.A. (Laddie) .....	18-06-62
Green, H.H. (Peter) .....	23-05-62
Hartman, E.F. (Frank) .....	23-05-62
Neely, R.C. (Ray) .....	03-05-62
Swinton, A.D. (Tony) .....	30-06-62

#### 1962 - 1963 - Membership 20

##### INDUCTIONS

Arundell, R.J.R. (Jack) .....	18-09-62	Funeral Directing
Buchanan, F.D. (Fred) .....	23-04-63	Religion - Church of England
Cole, L.J.S. (Jim) .....	16-10-62	Radio TV Services
Geary, R.A. (Ross) .....	08-01-63	Structural Engineering
Gill, A.R. (Allan) .....	27-11-62	Paints and Oils
Jackson, N.C. (Norm) .....	06-11-62	Smallgoods Distributing
Kerr, L.R. (Lionel) .....	28-08-62	Jewellery & Watchmaking
McCoy, L.J. (Lou) .....	29-01-63	Flowers - Retail
Metcalfe, W.G. (Wal) .....	28-08-62	Jewellery Retailing
Scott, D. (Doug) .....	09-10-62	Accounting Services
Smith, R. (Ron) .....	12-02-63	Silk Industry
Stafford, U. (Ury) .....	25-05-63	Building Materials
Verman, A. (Art) .....	15-01-63	Senior Active

##### RESIGNATIONS

Bokeyar, E.J. (Eric) .....	29-10-62
Bruce, E.R. (Ted) .....	12-03-63
Gould, V.L. (Viv) .....	14-08-62
Kerr, L.R. (Lionel) .....	30-06-63
Miller, H.S. (Harry) .....	29-06-62
Patterson, R.G. (Bob) .....	28-01-63
Read, H.T. (Harold) .....	28-12-62

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - ROTARY CLUB OF WENTWORTHVILLE

### 1963 - 1964 - Membership 24

#### INDUCTIONS

Micheletti, P.A. (Peter) .....	10-11-63	Optometry
Phillips A.G. (Arthur) .....	21-04-64	Drum Reconditioning
Scharkie, I.C. (Ian) .....	03-12-63	Capital Investment

#### RESIGNATIONS

Buchanan, F.D. (Fred) .....	01-12-63
McCoy, L.J. (Lou) .....	27-03-64
Paine, A.C. (Alton) .....	03-12-63
Wailes, L.A. (Les) .....	09-10-63

### 1964 - 1965 - Membership 25

#### INDUCTIONS

Boswell, A.R. (Allan) .....	01-09-64	Abrasive Products Manufacturing
Carne, B.N. (Bruce) .....	20-04-65	Real Estate Agency
Day, G.A. (George) .....	03-11-64	Banking - Private
Robson-Scott, J.S. (Jim) .....	08-07-64	Concrete Products
Suleau, A.P. (Tony) .....	15-06-65	Hospital Administration
Taylor, A.J. (Alex) .....	27-01-65	Cremation - Burial

#### RESIGNATIONS

Gill, A.R. (Allan) .....	13-04-65
Metcalfe, W.G. (Wall) .....	06-10-64
Robson-Scott, J.S. (Jim) .....	03-12-64
Taylor, A.J. (Alex) .....	28-06-65

### 1965 - 1966 - Membership 27

#### INDUCTIONS

Blackledge, G.D. (David) .....	24-05-66	Obstetrics
Carr, E. (Edwin) .....	06-02-66	Medicine
Cross, A.H. (Arthur) .....	12-04-66	Newsagency
Dale, W.A.C. (Bill) .....	24-05-66	Local Government Admin.
Evans, F.G. (Frank) .....	25-03-66	Light & Power Distribution
Hjalmhof, A.F. (Arne) .....	08-02-66	Hotels
Leftwich, H. (Harry) .....	07-06-66	Land Developer
Moffatt, J.G.S. (Jim) .....	24-05-66	General Law Practice
Phillips, A.G. (Arthur) .....	07-06-66	Drum Reconditioning
Renyi, P. (Peter) .....	24-05-66	Timber Distribution
Robshaw, K.M. (Keith) .....	14-10-65	Earthmoving
Treloar, B.J. (Brian) .....	08-02-66	Banking - Commonwealth
Trench, A.E. (Andy) .....	06-07-65	Silk Industry

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKTOWN

### RESIGNATIONS

Boswell, A.R. (Allan) .....	26-04-66
Cole L.J.S. (Jim) .....	30-07-65
Hicks E.H. (Ted) .....	17-12-65
Lamb, J.R. (Jack) .....	24-12-65
Leftwich, H. (Harry) .....	31-12-66
Phillips, A.G. (Arthur) .....	19-01-66
Roberts, E. (Ted) .....	25-04-66
Robshaw, K.M. (Keith) .....	12-03-66
Stafford, U. (Ury) .....	03-05-66
Trench, A.E. (Andy) .....	27-09-65
Whitmore, J.W. (John) .....	24-12-65

### 1966 - 1967 - Membership 29

### INDUCTIONS

Benson, O.C. (Owen) .....	13-03-67	Abrasive Products Manufacturing
Beran, H. (Henry) .....	02-08-66	Air Conditioning Manufacturing
Delfs, H. (Helmut) .....	14-02-67	Bus Service
Dickens, R.K. (Russ) .....	01-11-66	Veterinary Clinical Practice
Frankish, A. (Alan) .....	02-08-66	Men's Clothing Manufacturing
Gely, G.I.A. (Guy) .....	22-08-66	Egg Production
Lyon, J.E. (Joe) .....	22-11-66	Hotels
Monaghan, J.S. (Stewart) .....	02-08-66	Education - Secondary
Moore, D.C. (Doug) .....	19-07-66	Education - Primary
Sargent, R. (Rex) .....	09-01-67	Oil Industry
Saykich, B. (Bud) .....	11-04-67	Insurance - Government
Toth, W. (Bill) .....	12-07-66	Jewellery Retailing

### RESIGNATIONS

Benson, O.C. (Owen) .....	20-06-67
Frankish, A. (Allan) .....	20-06-67
Hjalmhof, A.R. (Arne) .....	24-08-66
Lyon, J.E. (Joe) .....	14-02-67

### 1967 - 1968 - Membership 37

### INDUCTIONS

Boldt, D.B. (Don) .....	11-06-68	Aluminium Constructions
Bownes, W.McC. (Bill) .....	04-06-68	Canvas Manufacture
Delaney, N.E. (Norm) .....	31-10-67	Golf Courses
Guest, B.J. (Brian) .....	04-06-68	Ceramics
Powell, E. (Ted) .....	12-03-68	Education - Primary
Runcie, D.G. (Don) .....	06-02-68	Anaesthetics
Trevithick, L.C. (Les) .....	04-06-68	Public Health Service
White, R.W. (Dick) .....	18-07-67	Dentistry

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKTOWN

### RESIGNATIONS

Arundell, R.J.R. (Jack) .....	19-07-67
Day, G.A. (George) .....	29-08-67
Jackson, N.C. (Norm) .....	18-06-68
Monaghan, J.S. (Stewart) .....	19-12-67
Runcie, D.G. (Don) .....	06-05-68
Suleau, A.P. (Tony) .....	30-04-68 (Deceased)

### 1968 - 1969 - Membership 39

### INDUCTIONS

Corbett, L.R. (Larry) .....	26-06-69	Detergent Manufacturing
Cullen, T.P. (Paddy) .....	20-08-68	Automatic Control Equipment
Iverach, W.G. (Wal) .....	01-06-69	Law Enforcement
Rotherham, F. (Frank) .....	29-04-69	Laminated Timber Processing
Vreeken, J. (Jack) .....	02-07-68	Motor Vehicle Retailer

### RESIGNATIONS

Blackledge, G.D. (David) .....	24-06-69
Boldt, D.B. (Don) .....	30-05-69
Bradshaw, J. (John) .....	24-06-69
Cross, A.H. (Arthur) .....	27-08-68
Evans, F.G. (Frank) .....	10-12-68
Sutcliffe, D. (Don) .....	24-06-69
Vreeken, J. (Jack) .....	31-03-69

### 1969 - 1970 - Membership 37

### INDUCTIONS

Burrow, A.I. (Alec) .....	23-06-70	Banking - Government
Carmondy, J.J. (John) .....	08-07-69	Hotel Manager
Currey, F.J. (John) .....	23-06-70	Banking - Private
Esling, K.A. (Keith) .....	09-06-70	Engine Protection Manufacturing
Heath, J. McK. (John) .....	09-06-70	Poultry Processing
King, A.O. (Allan) .....	09-06-70	Abrasive Products Manufacturing
Leftwich, H. (Harry) .....	25-11-69	Land Developer
McDowell, J.W. (Jack) .....	18-11-69	Hardware
Paul, R.T. (Bob) .....	18-11-69	Aluminium Fabrication
Pole, J.T. (Jeff) .....	18-11-69	Employment Services
Robinson, T. (Tom) .....	10-07-69	Detergent Manufacturing
Sachse, E.F. (Frank) .....	23-06-70	Dental Technician

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### RESIGNATIONS

Carr, E. (Edwin) .....	25-11-69
Dale, W.A.C. (Bill) .....	17-03-70
Phillips, A.G. (Arthur) .....	12-08-69
Sargeant, R. (Rex) .....	03-03-70
Smith, R. (Ron) .....	24-02-70
Toth, W. (Bill) .....	23-09-69
Treloar, B.J. (Brian) .....	21-10-69

### 1970 - 1971 - Membership 42

### INDUCTIONS

Carr, E. (Edward) .....	01-12-70	Medicine
Kingsmill, M. (Marwood) .....	01-09-70	Banking - Private
Kingston, B.J.R. (Bruce) .....	19-01-71	Permanent Building Society
Parry, D.F. (Des) .....	04-05-71	Agricultural Chemical Manufacturing
Rotherham, R.I. (Roy) .....	27-04-71	Plywood & Plastic Manufacturing

### RESIGNATIONS

Burrow, A.E. (Alec) .....	10-05-71
Carr, E. (Edward) .....	15-06-71
Carmondy, J.J. (John) .....	13-10-70
Cullen, T.P. (Paddy) .....	25-08-70
Currey, F.J. (John) .....	28-05-70
Guest, B.J. (Brian) .....	08-10-70
Iverach, W.G. (Wal) .....	15-06-71
Kingsmill, M. (Marwood) .....	15-06-71
Paul, R.T. (Bob) .....	14-12-70
Pole, J.I. (Jeff) .....	14-12-70
Rotherham, F. (Frank) .....	02-09-70

### 1971 - 1972 - Membership 36

### INDUCTIONS

Beverley, R.J. (Bob) .....	14-09-71	Automotive Repairs
Davies, H. (Hugh) .....	13-07-71	Banking - Private
Geyer, G.R. (Gunther) .....	20-06-72	Sewing Machine Sales
Pedersen, A.F. (Alex) .....	06-06-72	Education - Secondary
Reedy, W.J. (Joe) .....	21-12-71	Poultry Processing
Roskelly, J.E. (Joe) .....	03-08-71	Waste Disposal
Shaw, H.P. (Pat) .....	21-03-72	Naval Services
Stansfield, T.M. (Tom) .....	04-04-72	Insurance - Private
Williams, F.G. (Fred) .....	16-11-71	Automobile Retail
Wilson, J.V. (Jack) .....	10-08-71	Tiling Ceramics
Worrall, B.C. (Brian) .....	10-08-71	Aluminium Fabrication
Young, N.C. (Nev) .....	27-07-71	Refrigeration Manfacturing

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### RESIGNATIONS

Davies, H. (Hugh) .....	03-05-72
Delaney, N.L. (Norm) .....	20-04-72
King, A.O. (Allan) .....	07-05-72
Kingston, B.J.R. (Bruce) .....	30-06-72
McDowell, J.W. (Jack) .....	25-11-71
Parry, D.F. (Des) .....	27-06-72
Sachse, E.F. (Frank) .....	09-05-72

### 1972 - 1973 - Membership 41

### INDUCTIONS

Blakeby, J.G. (Joe) .....	12-12-72	Hardware Retail
Boxall, K.J. (Kevin) .....	22-08-72	Auto Smash Repairs
Boxall, R. (Ron) .....	03-03-73	Building Construction
Brady, T.G. (Terry) .....	15-08-72	Chiropractor
Dunstan, M.T. (Max) .....	11-07-72	Building Society
Fisher, T.R. (Tom) .....	25-07-72	Naval Services
Garske, P.C. (Peter) .....	13-02-73	Pharmacy
Hicks, P.W. (Peter) .....	25-07-72	Insurance Brokerage
Moffatt, J.A. (Drew) .....	13-02-73	General Law Practice
Patrick, P. (Peter) .....	26-06-73	Building Society
Stacey, M. (Malcolm) .....	12-12-72	Honorary
Watson, J.H. (John) .....	29-05-73	Printing

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### RESIGNATIONS

Dunstan, M.T. (Max) .....	23-01-73
Esling, K.A. (Keith) .....	09-01-73
Geary, R.A. (Ross) .....	22-08-72
Gely, G.I.A. (Guy) .....	11-07-72
McLachlan, L.T. (Tom) .....	24-04-73
Roskelly, J.E. (Joe) .....	22-08-72
Shaw, H.P. (Pat) .....	10-10-72
Stansfield, T.M. (Tom) .....	11-07-72
Wilson, J.V. (Jack) .....	11-07-72
Young, N.C. (Nev) .....	21-03-73

### 1973 - 1974 - Membership 43

### INDUCTIONS

Allsop, D. (Doug) .....	07-02-74	Cotton Spinning
Bensley, R.J. (Bob) .....	07-05-74	Pet Supplies Retail
Clayton, G. (Gareth) .....	18-12-73	Naval Services-Chaplain
Cottington, J. (John) .....	07-08-73	Hotels
Misra, H.S. (Hari) .....	30-10-73	Medical Practice
Newton, D. (Doug) .....	21-08-73	Banking - Private
Scott-Murphy, R. (Dick) .....	21-08-73	Banking - Private
Virtue, J.C. (John) .....	07-08-73	Real Estate Valuing

### RESIGNATIONS

Ahern, M.G. (Mike) .....	16-04-74
Beran, H. (Henry) .....	24-06-74
Beverley, R.J. (Bob) .....	22-11-73
Cottington, J. (John) .....	03-06-74
Fisher, T.R. (Tom) .....	22-02-74
Paddison, R. (Ron) .....	16-04-74
Patrick, P. (Peter) .....	15-03-74
Scott-Murphy, R. (Dick) .....	01-06-74
White, R.W. (Dick) .....	01-06-74

### 1974 - 1975 - Membership 42

### INDUCTIONS

Bamford, D.R. (David) .....	18-02-75	Motorist Services
Driver, G. (Geoff) .....	22-10-74	Oil Products Marketing
Hart, B. (Bernie) .....	03-12-74	Engineering General
Makinson, P.H. (Peter) .....	21-01-75	Oral Surgery
Sajkic, A.P. (Alex) .....	12-11-74	Life Assurance
Smith, J.P. (John) .....	25-02-75	Hospital Administration
Smith, W.J. (John) .....	03-12-74	Real Estate Development (Government)
Tottrup, J. (John) .....	29-10-74	Advertising Sales
Turner, G. (Geoff) .....	03-12-74	Youth Clubs

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### RESIGNATIONS

Allsop, D. (Doug) .....	08-04-75
Leftwich, H. (Harry) .....	01-04-75
Stacey, M. (Malcolm) .....	12-07-74
Worrall, B.C. (Brian) .....	31-12-74

### 1975 - 1976 - Membership 47

### INDUCTIONS

Guanlao, L. (Lou) .....	01-10-75	Hospital Administration
Kelly, A.E. (Allan) .....	27-04-76	Education - Secondary
White, R.W. (Dick) .....	01-10-75	Dentistry
Rotherham, R.F (Roy) .....	09-03-76	Opal Retailing

### RESIGNATIONS

Clayton, G. (Gareth) .....	22-01-76
Corbett, L.R. (Larry).....	12-05-76
Hart, B. (Bernie) .....	31-12-75
Rotherham, R.F. (Roy) .....	01-10-75
Saykich, B. (Bud) .....	20-04-76

### 1976 - 1977 - Membership 46

### INDUCTIONS

James, R.E. (Ray) .....	08-02-77	Education - Technical
Oliver, D.O. (Doug) .....	01-03-77	Bright Steel Manufacturing
Parbery, C.H. (Colin) .....	22-02-77	Investment Banking
Robins, I. (Ian).....	16-11-76	Bus Charter Services

### RESIGNATIONS

Brady, T.G. (Terry).....	31-12-76
Cottingham, J.E. (John).....	15-08-76
Hicks, P.W. (Peter).....	31-12-76
Tottrup, J. (John) .....	01-05-77
Smith, J.P. (John) .....	31-12-76
Virtue, J.C. (John) .....	31-12-76

### 1977 - 1978 - Membership 44

### INDUCTIONS

Hodge, J.R. (John).....	16-08-77	Religion - Salvation Army
O'Flaherty, A.E. (Allan) .....	16-08-77	Newsagency

### RESIGNATIONS

Driver, G. (Geoff).....	12-09-77
Hodge, J.R. (John).....	12-06-78
Moore, D.C. (Doug) .....	17-04-78
Sajkic, A.P. (Alex) .....	27-02-78
Young, W. (Bill).....	23-08-77
	(Deceased)

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### 1978 - 1979 - Membership 41

#### INDUCTIONS

Byles, J.P. (John) .....	09-01-79	Religion - Salvation Army
Gardiner, R.H. (Bob) .....	29-05-79	Detergent Manufacturing
Garling, H.H.A. (Hans) .....	12-06-79	Chrome Plating
Koufis, A. (Arthur) .....	09-01-79	Milk Bar Proprietor
Lyons, J.F. (John) .....	15-02-79	Public Health Services
O'Flaherty, A.E. (Allan) .....	21-03-79	Gift Shop Proprietor
Smith, R.S. (Bob) .....	15-05-79	Meat Retailing
Sutton, G.I. (Geoff) .....	20-07-78	Auto Retailing
Taylor, D.E. (David) .....	03-10-78	Timber Retailing
Woods, D. (Derek) .....	15-05-79	Tile Retailing

#### RESIGNATIONS

Delfs, H. (Helmut) .....	12-07-78
James, R.E. (Ray) .....	28-11-78
O'Flaherty, A.E. (Allan) .....	01-02-79
Sutton, G.I. (Geoff) .....	22-04-79
Turner, G. (Geoff) .....	28-11-78

### 1979 - 1980 - Membership 46

#### INDUCTIONS

Betterridge, N. (Neil) .....	29-04-80	Auto Retail
Chandra, P. (Prahba) .....	10-07-79	Medical Practitioner
Delaney, N.E. (Norm) .....	10-07-79	Law Practice Litigation
Hansen, P.W. (Peter) .....	25-03-80	Education - Secondary
Pankhurst, F. (Frank) .....	17-07-79	Vehicle Sales

#### RESIGNATIONS

Blackeby, J.H. (Joe) .....	18-12-79
Bownes, W. McC. (Bill) .....	17-07-79
Taylor, D.E. (David) .....	03-03-80

### 1980 - 1981 - Membership 48

#### INDUCTIONS

Pankhurst, J. (Neil) .....	17-03-81	Furniture Removals
Price, P.C. (Peter) .....	07-10-80	Waste Disposal
Srichandra, L. (Lert) .....	27-01-81	Senior Active(Pat.Med)

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### RESIGNATIONS

Betterridge, N. (Jim).....	23-02-81
Davis, T.C. (Tom) .....	27-01-81
Garling, H.H.A. (Hans) .....	23-02-81
Guanlao, L. (Lou) .....	08-09-80
Koufis, A. (Arthur).....	01-11-80
Lyons, J.F. (John) .....	08-09-80
Newton, D. (Doug).....	25-11-80

### 1981 - 1982 - Membership 44

### INDUCTIONS

Baecker, G.L. (Gus).....	08-12-81	Toolmaking
Harris, J.G. (Joe) .....	15-12-81	Life Assurance Management

### RESIGNATIONS

Verman, A. (Art) .....	24-11-81	(Deceased)
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### 1982 - 1983 - Membership 45

### INDUCTIONS

Cerinich, A.N. (Tony) .....	10-05-83	Corrective Services Administration
Delfs, P. (Peter) .....	02-07-82	Bus Services
Kelly, S. (Seamus).....	14-12-82	Plant Hire
Knight, A.W. (Tony) .....	26-04-83	Banking Administration
Pattison, O. (Owen).....	26-04-83	Religion - Salvation Army
Smith, T.F. (Tom) .....	19-04-83	Technical Education Administration
Vincent, R.C. (Bob).....	26-04-83	Hairdressing

### RESIGNATIONS

Byles, J.P. (John).....	12-04-83
Chandra, P. (Prabha) .....	21-02-83
Hansen, P.W. (Peter) .....	21-02-83
Pankhurst, J. (Jim).....	31-05-83
Parbery, C.H. (Colin) .....	31-05-83

### 1983 - 1984 - Membership 47

### INDUCTIONS

Abbey, K.J. (Jim) .....	24-04-84	Education - Secondary
Batson, B. (Barry).....	29-11-83	Hardware Retailing
Benson, L.A. (Les) .....	17-01-84	Tyre Retailing
Campton, A.J. (Tony).....	30-08-83	Land Surveying
Harper, G. (Graham) .....	27-09-83	Education - Secondary
Harris, J.E. (John).....	12-07-83	Meat Wholesaling
Stone, D.J. (David).....	05-06-84	Poultry Farming
Thompson, D.H. (David).....	23-08-83	Navy

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### 1984 - 1985 - Membership 55

#### INDUCTIONS

Boyd, H.D. (Hal) .....	07-05-85	Education - Admin.
Byles, J.P. (John) .....	12-03-85	Religion - Salvation Army
Lockwood, J.S. (Johnny) .....	04-12-84	Function Centres
von Schomburg, C.O. (Otto) .....	13-11-84	Finance Consultancy

#### RESIGNATIONS

Batson, B. (Barry) .....	16-10-84
Benson, L.A. (Arthur) .....	01-01-85
Cerinich, A.N. (Tony) .....	01-08-84
Delfs, P. (Peter) .....	01-10-84
Knight, A.W. (Tony) .....	30-06-85
Moffatt, J.G.S. (Jim) .....	11-12-84
O'Flaherty, A.E. (Allan) .....	10-07-84
Pattison, O. (Owen) .....	26-02-85
Reedy, W.J. (Joe) .....	01-07-84
Srichandra, L. (Lert) .....	03-07-84
Thompson, D.H. (David) .....	03-07-84
Woods, D. (Derek) .....	17-07-84

### 1985 - 1986 - Membership 47

#### INDUCTIONS

Bendtsten, R. (Rud) .....	09-07-85	Furniture Retailing
Ireland, M. (Malcolm) .....	30-07-85	Banking - Private
McEwen, R.Q. (Rae) .....	03-09-85	Visual Advertising
Morton, W.E. (Warren) .....	03-09-85	Electronics Retailing

#### RESIGNATIONS

Kelly, A.E. (Alan) .....	01-01-86
Robins, I. (Ian) .....	18-11-85

### 1986 - 1987 - Membership 49

#### INDUCTIONS

Raymond, G.E. (Gary) .....	26-08-86	Police Services
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#### RESIGNATIONS

Abbey, K.J. (Jim) .....	27-01-87
Bendtsten, R. (Rud) .....	07-10-86
Boyd, H.D. (Hal) .....	30-04-87
Byles, J.P. (John) .....	27-01-87
Pankhurst, F. (Frank) .....	29-07-86

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### 1987 - 1988 - Membership 45

#### INDUCTIONS

Roughhead, D. (Duncan) ..... 13-10-87 Draining - Domestic

#### RESIGNATIONS

Campton, A.J. (Tony) ..... 28-03-88  
Moffatt, J.A. (Drew) ..... 30-06-88  
Smith, T.F. (Tom) ..... 28-07-87

### 1988 - 1989 - Membership 43

#### INDUCTIONS

Constantinou, S. (Spiro) ..... 30-05-89 Food Retailing  
Fairfax, K.J. (Ken) ..... 20-06-89 General Law Practice

### 1989 - 1990 - Membership 45

#### INDUCTIONS

Bennett, E.W. (Ernie) ..... 20-03-90 Real Estate  
Fitzgerald, T.F. (Terry) ..... 20-03-90 Chiropractic Services  
Gray, J.V. (Jim) ..... 15-05-90 Carpet Maintenance  
Gyomery, K.M. (Karl) ..... 12-12-89 Engineering - Mechanical  
Hill, M. (Maurie) ..... 26-06-90 Religion - Salvation Army (Honorary)  
Smith, K. (Ken) ..... 21-11-89 Automatic Suspension Services  
Trikam, A. (Anil) ..... 12-12-89 Jewellery Retail  
Winter, L.W. (Len) ..... 21-11-89 Education - Primary

### 1990 - 1991 - Membership 53

#### INDUCTIONS

Clark, C.H. (Clarrie) ..... 24-10-90 Building Societies Administration  
Hill, M. (Maurie) ..... 18-06-91 Welfare Services - Salvation Army  
Smith, D.L. (Doug) ..... 30-10-90 Automatic Mechanical Services

#### RESIGNATIONS

Bennett, E.W. (Ernie) ..... 19-11-90  
Kelly, S. (Seamus) ..... 01-07-90  
Oliver, D.O. (Doug) ..... 19-12-90  
Scharkie, I.C. (Ian) ..... 25-09-90 (Deceased)

### 1991 - 1992 - Membership 51

#### INDUCTIONS

Ayton, S.T. (Stephen) ..... 12-05-92 Automotive Batteries Retailing  
Davies, G.H. (George) ..... 14-04-92 Pest Control  
Jardin, J.L. (Lou) ..... 24-03-92 Automatic Mechanical Services  
Thakorlal, J. (Jas) ..... 24-03-92 Pharmaceutical Exports

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### **RESIGNATIONS**

Gray, J.V. (Jim) ..... 27-04-92

### **1992 - 1993 - Membership 54**

### **INDUCTIONS**

Gray, M.D. (Melvin) .....	08-06-93	Courier Services
Lawrence, R.J. (Russell).....	29-09-92	Automotive Tyres Retailing
Thompson, J.Mc. (Jack) .....	06-10-92	Automotive Retailing

### **RESIGNATIONS**

Lawrence, R.J. (Russell)..... 29-09-92

### **1993 - 1994 - Membership 56**

### **INDUCTIONS**

Andrew, M.L. (Mike) .....	15-02-94	Quantity Surveying
Grigg, E. (Elwyn) .....	15-03-94	Clergy – Salvation Army
Holden, G.V. (Graeme) .....	10-05-94	Education - Secondary
London, B.C. (Bruce) .....	15-03-94	Investigations - Private
McKellar, R.D. (Rod).....	15-02-94	Mechanical Engineering
Morris, P.A. (Phillip).....	05-10-93	Security Devices

### **RESIGNATIONS**

Ayton, S.T. (Stephen).....	01-07-93	
Harper, G.M. (Graham) .....	20-06-94	
Morton, W.E. (Warren) .....	30-06-94	
Pedersen, A.F. (Alex) .....	30-06-94	
Renyi, P. (Peter) .....	30-06-94	
Roughhead, D. (Duncan).....	20-06-94	
Smith, K. (Ken) .....	30-06-94	
Smith, W.J. (John).....	18-05-94	(Transferred to RC of Prospect)
Trevithick, L.C. (Les) .....	13-01-94	(Deceased)
Watson, J.H. (John) .....	14-07-93	(Deceased)

### **1994 - 1995 - Membership 52**

### **INDUCTIONS**

Coward, G. (George) .....	17-01-95	Health and Environmental Services
Sethuram, L. (Lalli) .....	12-07-94	Chemicals - Marketing

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### **RESIGNATIONS**

Andrew, M.L. (Mike) .....	17-10-94
Fitzgerald, T.J. (Terry) .....	31-12-94
Gyomrey, K.M. (Karl) .....	31-12-94
Harris, J.G. (Joe) .....	31-12-94
Hill, M.Mc. (Maurie) .....	31-12-94
Jardin, J.L. (Lou) .....	31-12-94
Lockwood, J.S. (Johnny) .....	30-06-95
McKellar, R.D. (Rod) .....	31-12-94
Thakorlal, J. (Jas) .....	31-12-94
Thompson, J.Mc. (Jack) .....	17-10-94

### **1995 - 1996 - Membership 44**

### **INDUCTIONS**

Abbas, A.R. (Alvi) .....	12-12-95	International Marketing
Barraclough, M. (Mark) .....	25-06-96	Boiler Manufacturing
De Vies, P.M. (Peter) .....	26-09-95	Boiler Manufacturing
Kelly, I.S. (Ivan) .....	04-06-96	Employment

### **RESIGNATIONS**

Carne, B.N. (Bruce) .....	30-06-96
Davies, G.H. (George) .....	05-02-96
Morris, P.A. (Phil) .....	30-06-96
Stone, D.J. (David) .....	19-09-95

### **1996 - 1997 - Membership 44**

### **INDUCTIONS**

Ayton, S.T. (Stephen) .....	29-04-97	Batteries Retail
Schumann, G. (Garry) .....	24-06-97	Boiler Manufacturing

### **RESIGNATIONS**

Abbas, A.R. (Alvi) .....	30-06-97
London, B.C. (Bruce) .....	31-12-96

### **1997 - 1998 - Membership 44**

### **INDUCTIONS**

McCann, B. (Brendan) .....	16-06-98	Education - Private
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### **RESIGNATIONS**

Ireland, M. (Malcolm) .....	31-12-97
McEwen, R.A. (Rae) .....	31-12-97

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### **1998 - 1999 - Membership 43**

#### **INDUCTIONS**

Anderson, A.R. (Arthur).....	13-10-98	Real Estate Agencies
Attard, G. (Gary) .....	24-11-98	Hardware Retail
Stanwell, R.A. (Ray) .....	18-08-98	Printing

#### **RESIGNATIONS**

Attard, G. (Gary) .....	30-06-99
Barraclough, M. (Mark) .....	31-12-98
Grigg, E. (Elwyn) .....	31-12-98
Harris, J.E. (John).....	31-12-98
Heath, J.M. (John).....	31-12-98
Schumann, G. (Garry) .....	31-12-98
Smith, D.L. (Doug).....	31-12-98

### **1999 - 2000 - Membership 39**

#### **INDUCTIONS**

Smith, R.A. (Rob) .....	18-04-00	Motor Vehicle Repairs
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#### **RESIGNATIONS**

Boxall, K.J. (Kevin) .....	12-10-99	(Deceased)
Delaney, N.E. (Norm) .....	31-12-99	
McCann, B. (Brendan) .....	31-12-99	
Micheletti, P.A. (Peter) .....	31-12-99	
Raymond, G.E. (Gary).....	31-12-99	
Wood, J.J.P. (John) .....	31-12-99	(Honorary Membership bestowed)

### **2000 - 2001 - Membership 34**

#### **INDUCTIONS**

Parrish, J.L. (Jon) .....	15-08-00	Glass & Glazing
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#### **RESIGNATIONS**

Ayton, S.T. (Stephen).....	09-10-00
Holden, G.V. (Graeme) .....	11-09-00
Robinson, T. (Tom).....	12-10-00

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### 2001 - 2002 - Membership 32

#### INDUCTIONS

Basile, E. (Epi) .....	09-04-02	Landscaping
Di Lorenzo, J. (Jack) .....	07-08-01	Glass & Glazing
Habkouk, N. (Neville) .....	04-06-02	Smash Repairs
Hanna, R. (Ralph) .....	19-03-02	Property Development
Hanna, R. (Rita) .....	09-04-02	Legal Practice - General
Holder, R.G. (Rick) .....	09-04-02	Finance - Agricultural
Morris, P. (Phil) .....	16-04-02	Security & Air Conditioning
Petrou, F. (Fay) .....	07-08-01	Real Estate
Smith, J.R. (Jeff) .....	07-08-01	Motor Vehicle Repairs
Squillari, R.A. (Robert) .....	07-08-01	Sewing Supplies
Stalker, M.S. (Manie) .....	07-08-01	Windscreen Service
Wilson, P.K. (Karen) .....	07-08-01	Employment Service

#### RESIGNATIONS

Boxall, R.B. (Ron) .....	19-03-02
Squillari, R.A. (Robert) .....	19-03-02

### 2002 - 2003 - Membership 42

#### INDUCTIONS

Ball, K.F. (Ken) .....	03-12-02	Air Conditioning Service
Boxsell, L.P. (Lorraine) .....	17-09-02	Mortgage Consultancy
Brown, D.G. (David) .....	18-03-03	Religion – Salvation Army
Farrell, L.G. (Leighton) .....	18-03-03	Local Gov't Marketing & Public Relations
O'Brien, P.A. (Pat) .....	11-03-03	Automotive Spare Parts
Parvez, Q. (Qaiyum) .....	17-09-02	Education - Tertiary
Raymond, G.E. (Gary) .....	05-11-02	Law Enforcement - Administration
Singleton, R. (Bob) .....	11-03-03	Home Finance
Wales, L.W. (Les) .....	05-11-02	Law Enforcement - General
Wood, S.M. (Suzanne) .....	03-12-02	Medical Education

#### RESIGNATIONS

Morris, P. (Phil) .....	31-12-02
Wilson, P.K. (Karen) .....	11-11-02

### 2003 - 2004 - Membership 50

#### INDUCTIONS

Carne, P.J. (Pam) .....	20-01-04	Real Estate Management - Commercial
Holland, M.J. (Mel) .....	30-03-04	Religion – Salvation Army
Wilson, J.B. (John) .....	20-01-04	Ice Rink Management

#### RESIGNATIONS

Parvez, Q. (Qaiyum) .....	31-12-03
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## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKTOWN CITY

### 2004 - 2005 - Membership 52

#### INDUCTIONS

Baker, K.E. (Kerry) .....	28-09-04	Slip Fall Prevention
Hossain, M. (Mahmud) .....	07-09-04	Property Development
Johnson, G.C. (Gail).....	24-08-04	Motor Registries
McIntyre, G.J. (Greg) .....	28-09-04	Education - Tertiary
Segulin, M.M. (Margaret) .....	20-01-04	Educational Psychology

#### RESIGNATIONS

Ball, K.F. (Ken).....	31-12-04
O'Brien, P.A. (Pat) .....	30-06-05
Parrish, J.L. (Jon) .....	31-12-04
Singleton, R. (Bob).....	30-06-05
Trikam, A.K. (Anil).....	30-06-05
Wales, L.W. (Les) .....	31-12-04

### 2005 - 2006 - Membership 51

#### INDUCTIONS

Bladon, D.G. (Doug) .....	11-10-05	Banking General
Coquillon, A.E. (Andre) .....	04-04-06	Inventory Consultancy
Gordon, O. (Olwyn) .....	04-04-06	Education - Secondary
Howe, H.B. (Hanna).....	14-02-06	Aged Care Management
McInally, M.R. (Scotty) .....	01-11-05	Ambulance Services
Natoli, G.E. (Renata).....	04-04-06	Education - Primary
Singh, P.S. (Prit-Pal) .....	17-01-06	Mechanical Engineering

#### RESIGNATIONS

Basile, E. (Epi) .....	30-06-06	
Boxsell, L.P. (Lorraine).....	31-12-05	
Di Lorenzo, J. (Jack) .....	04-04-06	(Honorary Membership bestowed)
Holder, R.G. (Rick) .....	30-06-06	
Holland, M.J. (Mel).....	30-06-06	(moved interstate)
Hossain, M. (Mahmud) .....	30-06-06	
Scott, D. (Doug) .....	31-12-05	

### 2006 - 2007 - Membership 51

#### INDUCTIONS

Meyer, D.G. (Kathy).....	28-11-06	Vocational Education
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## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKTOWN CITY

### RESIGNATIONS

Bladon, D.G. (Doug) .....	30-06-07	
Freund (nee Wood), S.M. (Suzanne) .....	08-05-07	(transferred to RC Strathfield)
Gordon, O. (Olwyn) .....	11-10-06	
Howe, H.B. (Hanna) .....	12-02-07	(moved interstate)
Petrou, F. (Fay) .....	30-06-07	
Williams, F.G. (Fred) .....	26-07-06	(Deceased)
Wood, J.J.T. (John) .....	13-06-07	(Honorary Member) deceased

### 2007 - 2008 - Membership 46

### INDUCTIONS

Al-Ali, K.A. (Khalid) .....	09-10-07	Mechanical Services
Allison, M.E.R. (Marc) .....	09-10-07	Funeral Services
Beckett, N. (Norm) .....	26-02-08	Religion – Salvation Army
Holley, P.G. (Pennie) .....	26-02-08	School Administration
Mangrai, C. (Cheri) .....	26-02-08	Communications - Special Projects
Shedden, Z.R. (Zena) .....	27-11-07	Youth Welfare Services
Sunmola, C.L. (Celine) .....	27-11-07	Management Consultancy

### RESIGNATIONS

Coquillon, A.E. (Andre) .....	17-03-08	
Farrell, L.G. (Leighton) .....	27-11-07	(Friend of Rotary bestowed)
Geyer, S.M. (Gunther) .....	31-12-07	(Honorary Membership bestowed)
Price, P.C. (Peter) .....	31-12-07	(Honorary Membership bestowed)
Singh, P.S. (Prit-Pal) .....	17-03-08	

### 2008 - 2009 - Membership 48

### INDUCTIONS

Danam, R. (Raymond) .....	10-02-09	Engineering - Electrical
Doublesin, G. (George) .....	18-11-08	Engineering - Electrical
Grigg, E.L. (Elwyn) .....	09-09-08	Religion Administration – Salvation Army
Kellie, D.P. (Daniel) .....	16-06-09	Hotel Management
Newman, A. (Alan) .....	09-09-08	Real Estate Sales
Sainsbury, A.C. (Aaron) .....	09-09-08	Home Loan Consultancy
Subramaniam, C. (Chandrika) .....	09-09-08	Legal Practice - General

### RESIGNATIONS

Coward, G.A. (George) .....	30-06-09	(Honorary Membership bestowed)
Segulin, M.M. (Margaret) .....	12-02-09	
Singh, P.S. (Prit-Pal) .....	17-03-08	

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKTOWN CITY

### 2009 - 2010 - Membership 52

#### INDUCTIONS

Galas, N.C. (Nelma) .....	06-10-09	Engineering - Electrical
Harmer, A.R. (Andrew).....	09-03-10	Ambulance Services
Hollier, J.T. (Jim) .....	09-03-10	Finance Brokerage
Kehal, H.S. (Harbhajan) .....	11-05-10	Tertiary Education
Sayas, A. (Atoy) .....	24-11-09	Travel Agencies
Sayas, M.T. (Tess).....	24-11-09	Travel Agencies
Whiting, D.R. (Dennis) .....	24-11-09	Driving Schools

#### RESIGNATIONS

Al-Ali, K.A. (Khalid) .....	31-05-10	
Mangrai, C. (Cheri) .....	31-12-09	(moved interstate)
Newman, A. (Alan) .....	31-05-10	
Smith, J.R. (Jeff) .....	30-06-10	(moved to the country)
Subramaniam, C. (Chandrika).....	31-05-10	

### 2010 - 2011 - Membership 54

#### INDUCTIONS

Manalo, M. (Maravic) .....	17-05-11	Cleaning Products - Distribution
Orr, A.W. (Tony).....	15-02-11	Ambulance Services (transferred from RC Prospect)
Smith, W.J. (John).....	22-03-11	Property Services (transferred from RC Prospect)

#### RESIGNATIONS

Allison, M.E.R. (Marc) .....	31-12-10	(moved interstate)
Baker, K.E. (Kerry) .....	13-05-11	(Deceased)
Beckett, N. (Norm).....	31-08-10	(transferred overseas)
Brown, D.G. (David).....	30-06-11	
Doublesin, G. (George) .....	31-12-10	(moved interstate)
Habkouk, N. (Neville).....	31-12-10	
Hanna, R. (Ralph).....	31-12-10	
Hollier, J.T. (Jim).....	30-06-11	
McIntyre, G.J. (Greg).....	31-12-10	
Sainsbury, A.C. (Aaron).....	30-06-11	

### 2011 - 2012 - Membership 47

#### INDUCTIONS

Edokpolor, G.E. (Grace).....	27-09-11.....	Religion
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#### RESIGNATIONS

Whiting, D.R. (Dennis) .....	19-09-11
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## **ADDENDUM D**

### **OFFICE BEARERS - ROTARY CLUB OF WENTWORTHVILLE**

	<b>1961 - 1962</b>	<b>1962 - 1963</b>
President	John Whitmore	John Whitmore
Vice President	Frank Hartman	Ted Hicks
Secretary	John Wood	John Wood
Treasurer	Jack Lamb	John Bradshaw
Service Directors:		
Club	Jack Lamb	Jack Lamb
Community	Harold Read	Don Sutcliffe
International	John Bradshaw	Ted Hicks
Vocational	Viv Gould	Bill Young
	<b>1963 - 1964</b>	<b>July - Sept 1964</b>
President	Ted Hicks	John Wood
Vice President	John Wood	Ury Stafford
Immediate Past Pres	John Whitmore	Ted Hicks
Secretary	Jack Arundell	Doug Scott
Treasurer	John Bradshaw	John Bradshaw
Service Directors:		
Club	John Wood	Ury Stafford
Community	Jack Lamb	Ross Geary
International	Norm Jackson	Tom McLachlan
Vocational	Tom Davis	Alan Boswell

### **OFFICE BEARERS - ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKTOWN**

	<b>Sept 1964 - June 1965</b>	<b>1965 - 1966</b>
President	John Wood	Ury Stafford & Ian Scharkie
Vice President	Ury Stafford	Ian Boswell & Ian Scharkie
Immediate Past President	Ted Hicks	John Wood
Secretary	Doug Scott	Ross Geary & Mike Ahearn
Treasurer	John Bradshaw	John Bradshaw
Service Directors:		
Club	Ury Stafford	Alan Boswell & Tony Suleau
Community	Ross Geary	Bruce Carne
International	Tom McLachlan	Norm Jackson
Vocational	Alan Boswell	Peter Micheletti

## **OFFICE BEARERS - ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKTOWN**

### **1966 - 1967**

President	Ian Scharkie	Brian Treloar
Vice President	Tony Suleau	Ross Geary
Immediate Past President	Art Verman acted during absence	
Secretary	Ury Stafford & Ian Scharkie	Ian Scharkie
Treasurer	Mike Ahearn	Frank Evans
Service Directors:	John Bradshaw	John Bradshaw
Club	Tony Suleau	Ross Geary
Community	Bill Young	Doug Moore
International	Art Verman	David Blackledge
Vocational	Brian Treloar	Peter Renyi

### **1968 - 1969**

President	Ross Geary	Jim Moffatt
Vice President	David Blackledge	Henry Beran
Immediate Past President	Brian Treloar	Ross Geary
Secretary	Russ Dickens	Bill Bownes
Treasurer	John Bradshaw	Bruce Carne
Service Directors:		
Club	David Blackledge	Henry Beran
Community	Jim Moffatt	Helmut Delfs
International	Henry Beran	Dick White
Vocational	Ron Paddison & Peter Renyi	Brian Guest

### **1970 - 1971**

President	Henry Beran	Helmut Delfs
Vice President	Helmut Delfs	Dick White
Immediate Past President	Jim Moffatt	Henry Beran
Secretary	Jeff Pole	Tom Robinson
Treasurer	Bruce Carne	Bruce Carne
Service Directors:		
Club	Helmut Delfs	Dick White
Community	Ron Paddison	Harry Leftwich
International	Larry Corbett	Bill Bownes
Vocational	Dick White	Ted Powell

### **1967 - 1968**

Brian Treloar
Ross Geary
Art Verman acted during absence
Ury Stafford & Ian Scharkie
Ian Scharkie

### **1969 - 1970**

Jim Moffatt
Henry Beran
Ross Geary
Bill Bownes
Bruce Carne

### **1971 - 1972**

Helmut Delfs
Dick White
Henry Beran
Tom Robinson
Bruce Carne

## **OFFICE BEARERS - ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKTOWN**

<b>1972 - 1973</b>		<b>1973 - 1974</b>	
President	Dick White	Bill Bownes	
Vice President	Bill Bownes	Ted Powell	
Immediate Past President	Helmut Delfs	Dick White	
Secretary	Brian Worrall	Peter Hicks	
Treasurer	Tom Robinson	Tom Robinson	
Service Directors:			
Club	Bill Bownes	Ted Powell	
Community	Roy Rotherham	Gunther Geyer	
International	Ted Powell	Bruce Carne	
Vocational	Bruce Carne	Kevin Boxall	
Youth	Joe Reedy	Joe Reedy	
<b>1974 - 1975</b>		<b>1975 - 1976</b>	
President	Ted Powell	Bill Young	
Vice President	Bill Young	Tom Robinson	
Immediate Past President	Bill Bownes	Ted Powell	
Secretary	Drew Moffatt	Drew Moffatt	
Treasurer	Jim Moffatt	Jim Moffatt	
Service Directors:			
Club	Bill Young	Tom Robinson	
Community	Joe Reedy	Geoff Turner	
International	John Virtue	Kevin Boxall	
Vocational	Kevin Boxall	John Virtue (1975)	
Youth		Bob Bensley (1976)	
		Geoff Driver	
<b>1976 - 1977</b>		<b>1977 - 1978</b>	
President	Tom Robinson	Russ Dickens	
Vice President	Russ Dickens	Drew Moffatt	
Immediate Past President	Bill Young	Tom Robinson	
Secretary	Alex Sajkic	Bob Bensley	
Treasurer	Jim Moffatt	David Bamford	
Service Directors:	David Bamford	Bill Bownes	
Club	Russ Dickens	Drew Moffatt	
Community	Geoff Driver & Ron Boxall	John Smith	
International	Drew Moffatt	Doug Scott	
Vocational	John Smith	Helmut Delfs	
Youth	Geoff Turner	Ron Boxall	

## **OFFICE BEARERS - ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKTOWN CITY**

	<b>1978 - 1979</b>	<b>1979 - 1980</b>
President	Drew Moffatt	Ron Boxall
Vice President	Ron Boxall	Alex Pedersen
Immediate Past President	Russ Dickens	Drew Moffatt
Secretary	Colin Parbery	Ted Powell
Treasurer	John Smith	Joe Reedy
Service Directors:		
Club	Ron Boxall	Alex Pedersen
Community	Bob Bensley	Bob Gardiner
International	Hari Misra	Jim Moffatt
Vocational	Alex Pedersen	Fred Williams
Youth	Ian Robins	Doug Oliver
	<b>1980 - 1981</b>	<b>1981 - 1982</b>
President	Alex Pedersen	John Smith
Vice President	John Smith	Bob Gardiner
Immediate Past President	Ron Boxall	Alex Pedersen
Secretary	Derek Woods	Derek Woods
Treasurer	Joe Reedy	David Bamford
Service Directors:		
Club	John Smith	Bob Gardiner
Community	Doug Oliver	Norm Delaney
International	Bob Gardiner	Bob Bensley
Vocational	Norm Delaney	Doug Oliver
Youth	Bob Smith	Bob Smith
	<b>1982 - 1983</b>	<b>1983 - 1984</b>
President	Bob Gardiner	Bob Bensley
Vice President	Bob Bensley	Ian Scharkie
Immediate Past President	John Smith	Bob Gardiner
Secretary	Norm Delaney	David Bamford
Treasurer	David Bamford	Jim Moffatt
Service Directors:		
Club	Bob Bensley	Ian Scharkie
Community	Frank Pankhurst	Drew Moffatt
International	Derek Woods	Gus Baecker
Vocational	Jim Pankhurst	Peter Delfs
Youth	Peter Price	Peter Price

## **OFFICE BEARERS - ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKTOWN CITY**

	<b>1984 - 1985</b>	<b>1985 - 1986</b>
President	Ian Scharkie	Doug Oliver
President Elect	Doug Oliver	Norm Delaney
Immediate Past President	Bob Bensley	Ian Scharkie
Secretary	David Bamford	David Bamford
Treasurer	Tony Knight	Doug Scott
Service Directors:		
Club	Doug Oliver	Norm Delaney
Community	John Harris	Kevin Boxall
International	Bob Smith	Fred Williams
Vocational	Bob Vincent	Bob Smith
Youth	Peter Delfs	John Harris
	<b>1986 - 1987</b>	<b>1987 - 1988</b>
President	Norm Delaney	Kevin Boxall
President Elect	Tom Smith	David Stone
Immediate Past President	Doug Oliver	Norm Delaney
Secretary	Drew Moffatt	John Wood
Treasurer	Ted Powell	Rae McEwen
Service Directors:	Doug Scott & Bob Smith	Doug Scott & Peter Garske
Club	Tom Smith	David Stone
Community	Owen Pattison	Bob Smith
International	Gunther Geyer	Otto von Schomburg
Vocational	Malcolm Ireland	Warren Morton
Youth	Kevin Boxall	Malcolm Ireland
	<b>1988 - 1989</b>	<b>1989 - 1990</b>
President	David Stone	Bob Smith
President Elect	Bob Smith	Hari Misra
Immediate Past President	Kevin Boxall	David Stone
Secretary	John Wood	John Smith
Treasurer	Bob Bensley	Bob Bensley
Service Directors:		
Club	Bob Smith	Hari Misra
Community	John Smith	Gary Raymond
International	Hari Misra	Seamus Kelly
Vocational	Graham Harper	Graham Harper
Youth	Bob Vincent	Kevin Boxall

## **OFFICE BEARERS - ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKTOWN**

	<b>1990 - 1991</b>	<b>1991 - 1992</b>
President	Hari Misra	Joe Harris
President Elect	Joe Harris	David Bamford
Immediate Past President	Bob Smith	Hari Misra
Secretary	John Smith	Peter Micheletti
Treasurer	John Harris	John Harris
Service Directors:		
Club	Joe Harris	David Bamford
Community	Duncan Roughhead	Ken Fairfax
International	Spiro Constantinou	Warren Morton
Vocational	Otto von Schomburg	Duncan Roughhead
Youth	Gary Raymond	Graham Harper
	<b>1992 - 1993</b>	<b>1993 - 1994</b>
President	David Bamford	Warren Morton
Acting President		Dick White
President Elect	Warren Morton	Raemon McEwen
Immediate Past President	Joe Harris	David Bamford
Secretary	Len Winter	Doug Scott
Treasurer	Malcolm Ireland	Malcolm Ireland
Service Directors:		
Club	Warren Morton	Raemon McEwen
Community	Peter Price	Ken Smith
International	Gunther Geyer	Bob Smith
Vocational	Bruce Carne	Kevin Boxall
Youth	Spiro Constantinou	Gus Baecker
	<b>1994 - 1995</b>	<b>1995 - 1996</b>
President	Raemon McEwen	Ken Fairfax
President Elect	Ken Fairfax	Peter Price
Immediate Past President	Bob Gardiner (acting)	Raemon McEwen
Secretary	George Davis	Len Winter
Treasurer	Malcolm Ireland	Clarrie Clark
Service Directors:		
Club	Ken Fairfax	Peter Price
Community	Phillip Morris	Gary Raymond
International	Doug Smith	Lalli Sethuram
Vocational	Peter Price	Doug Smith
Youth	Mel Gray	Mel Gray

## **OFFICE BEARERS - ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKTOWN CITY**

	<b>1996 - 1997</b>	<b>1997 - 1998</b>
President	Peter Price	Elwyn Grigg
President Elect	Elwyn Grigg	Mel Gray
Immediate Past President	Ken Fairfax	Mel Gray
Secretary	Len Winter	Len Winter
Treasurer	Clarrie Clark	Bob Bensley
Service Directors:		
Club	Elwyn Grigg	Mel Gray
Community	David Bamford	Hari Misra
International	George Coward	George Coward
Vocational	Spiro Constantinou	David Bamford
Youth	Mel Gray	Ivan Kelly
	<b>1998 - 1999</b>	<b>1999 - 2000</b>
President	Mel Gray	Mel Gray
President Elect	Vacant	Spiro Constantinou
Immediate Past President	Elwyn Grigg	Mel Gray
Secretary	Dick White	Graeme Holden
Treasurer	Bob Bensley	Bob Bensley
Service Directors:		
Club	Vacant	Fred Williams
Community	Peter Price, Bob Smith	Bob Smith
International	George Coward	Spiro Constantinou
Vocational	David Bamford	David Bamford
Youth	Ivan Kelly	Peter Price
	<b>2000 - 2001</b>	<b>2001 - 2002</b>
President	Spiro Constantinou	Bob Bensley
President Elect	Vacant	Lalli Sethuram
Immediate Past President	Mel Gray	Spiro Constantinou
Secretary	Len Winter	Len Winter
Treasurer	Bob Bensley	Clarrie Clark
Service Directors:		
Club	Fred Williams	Lalli Sethuram
Community	Ken Fairfax	Rob Smith
International	Ray Stanwell	Jon Parrish
Vocational	David Bamford	George Coward
Youth	George Coward	Peter Price

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	<b>2002 - 2003</b>	<b>2003 - 2004</b>
President	George Coward	Len Winter
President Elect	Len Winter	Gus Baecker
Immediate Past President	Bob Bensley	George Coward
Secretary	Len Winter	Rita Hanna
Treasurer	Clarrie Clark	Bob Bensley
<b>Service Directors:</b>		
Club	Lalli Sethuram	Gus Baecker
Community	Manie Stalker	Geoff Smith
International	Jon Parrish	Ralph Hanna
Vocational	Arthur Anderson	Jack Di Lorenzo
Youth	Peter Price	Mel Gray
	<b>2004 - 2005</b>	<b>2005 - 2006</b>
President	Gus Baecker	Rita Hanna
President Elect	Rita Hanna	Rick Holder/Kerry Baker
Immediate Past President	Len Winter	Gus Baecker
Secretary	David Bamford	Mel Gray
Treasurer	Rick Holder	Gail Johnson
<b>Service Directors:</b>		
Club	Rita Hanna	Fred Williams
Community	Bob Singleton/Bob Smith	Bob Smith
International	Bob Gardiner	Bob Gardiner
Vocational	Spiro Constantinou	Kerry Baker
Youth	Lalli Sethuram	Len Winter
	<b>2006 - 2007</b>	<b>2007 - 2008</b>
President	Kerry Baker	David Brown
President Elect	David Brown	Ivan Kelly
Immediate Past President	Rita Hanna	Kerry Baker
The Rotary Foundation		Kerry Baker
Secretary	Greg McIntyre	Greg McIntyre
Treasurer	Bob Bensley	Bob Bensley
<b>Service Directors:</b>		
Club	David Brown	Ivan Kelly
Community	Geoff Smith	Rob Smith
International	Pam Carne	Pam Carne
Vocational	Spiro Constantinou	Leighton Farrell
Youth	Len Winter	Kathy Meyer

## **OFFICE BEARERS - ROTARY CLUB OF BLACKTOWN CITY**

	<b>2008 – 2009</b>	<b>2009 - 2010</b>
President	Ivan Kelly	John Wilson
President Elect	John Wilson	Norm Beckett
Immediate Past President	David Brown	Ivan Kelly
The Rotary Foundation	David Brown	Ivan Kelly
Secretary	Rita Hanna	Pennie Hollie
Treasurer	Zena Shedden	Zena Shedden
Service Directors:		
Club	Bob Gardiner	Norm Beckett
Community	Rob Smith	Rob Smith
International	Kerry Baker	Raymond Danam
Vocational	Renata Natoli	Greg McIntyre
Youth	Kathy Meyer	George Doublesin
	<b>2010 – 2011</b>	<b>2011 - 2012</b>
President	Norm Beckett/ John Wilson	Zena Shedden
President Elect	Zena Shedden	Daniel Kellie
Immediate Past President	Ivan Kelly	John Wilson
The Rotary Foundation	Ivan Kelly	John Wilson
Secretary	Pennie Hollie	Pennie Hollie
Treasurer	Rita Hanna	Bob Bensley
Service Directors:		
Club	Zena Shedden	Daniel Kellie
Community	Rob Smith	Bob Smith
International	Raymond Danam	Ivan Kelly
Vocational	Greg McIntyre/	Gail Johnson
Youth	George Doublesin/ Daniel Kellie	Gail Johnson Len Winter

# ADDENDUM E

## CLUB PRESIDENTS, THEIR RI PRESIDENTS AND THEMES

**16<sup>th</sup> November 1961 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

<b><i>Rotary Year</i></b>	<b><i>Club President, RI Theme and RI President</i></b>	<b><i>Rotary Year</i></b>	<b><i>Club President, RI Theme and RI President</i></b>
<b>1961 - 1962</b>	Whitmore, John <i>Act, Aim for Action, Communicate for Understanding, Test for Leadership</i> Joseph A. Abey	<b>1973 - 1974</b>	Bownes, W (Bill) <i>A Time for Action</i> William C. Carter
<b>1962 - 1963</b>	Whitmore, John <i>Kindle the Spark Within</i> Nitish C. Laharry	<b>1974 - 1975</b>	Powell, E (Ted) T <i>Renew the Spirit of Rotary</i> William R. Robbins
<b>1963 - 1964</b>	Hicks, Ted & Wood, John J P <i>Meeting Rotary's Challenge in the Space Age</i> Carl P. Miller	<b>1975 - 1976</b>	Young, W (Bill) <i>To dignify the human being</i> Ernesto Imbassahy de Mello
<b>1964 - 1965</b>	Wood, John J P <i>Live Rotary</i> Charles W. Pettengill	<b>1976 - 1977</b>	Robinson, Tom <i>I Believe in Rotary</i> Robert Manchester II
<b>1965 - 1966</b>	Stafford, Ury & Scharkie, Ian C <i>Action, Consolidation &amp; Continuity</i> C.P.H. Teenstra	<b>1977 - 1978</b>	Dickens OAM, Russ K <i>Serve to Unite Mankind</i> W. Jack Davis
<b>1966 -1967</b>	Scharkie, Ian C <i>Better World Through Rotary</i> Richard L. Evans	<b>1978 - 1979</b>	Moffatt, A J (Drew) <i>Reach Out</i> Clem Renouf
<b>1967 - 1968</b>	Treloar, Brian <i>Make Your Rotary Membership Effective</i> Luther H. Hodges	<b>1979 - 1980</b>	Boxall, Ron B <i>Let Service Light the Way</i> James L. Bomar, Jr.
<b>1968 - 1969</b>	Geary, Ross <i>Participate</i> Kiyoshi Togasaki	<b>1980 - 1981</b>	Pedersen, Alex F <i>Take Time to Serve</i> Rolf Klarich
<b>1969 - 1970</b>	Moffatt, Jim A <i>Review and Renew</i> James F. Conway	<b>1981 - 1982</b>	Smith, W John <i>World Understanding and Peace Through Rotary</i> Stanley E. McCaffrey
<b>1970 - 1971</b>	Beran, Henry <i>Bridge the Gaps</i> William E. Walk	<b>1982 - 1983</b>	Gardiner, R (Bob) H <i>Mankind is One - Build Bridges of Friendship Throughout the World</i> Hiroji Mukasa
<b>1971 - 1972</b>	Delfs, Helmut <i>Goodwill begins with you</i> Ernst G. Breitholtz	<b>1983 - 1984</b>	Bensley, R (Bob) J <i>Share Rotary - Serve People</i> William E. Skelton
<b>1972 - 1973</b>	White OAM, R (Dick) W <i>Let's take a new look - and act</i> Roy D. Hickman	<b>1984 - 1985</b>	Scharkie, Ian C <i>Discover a New World of Service</i> Carlos Canseco

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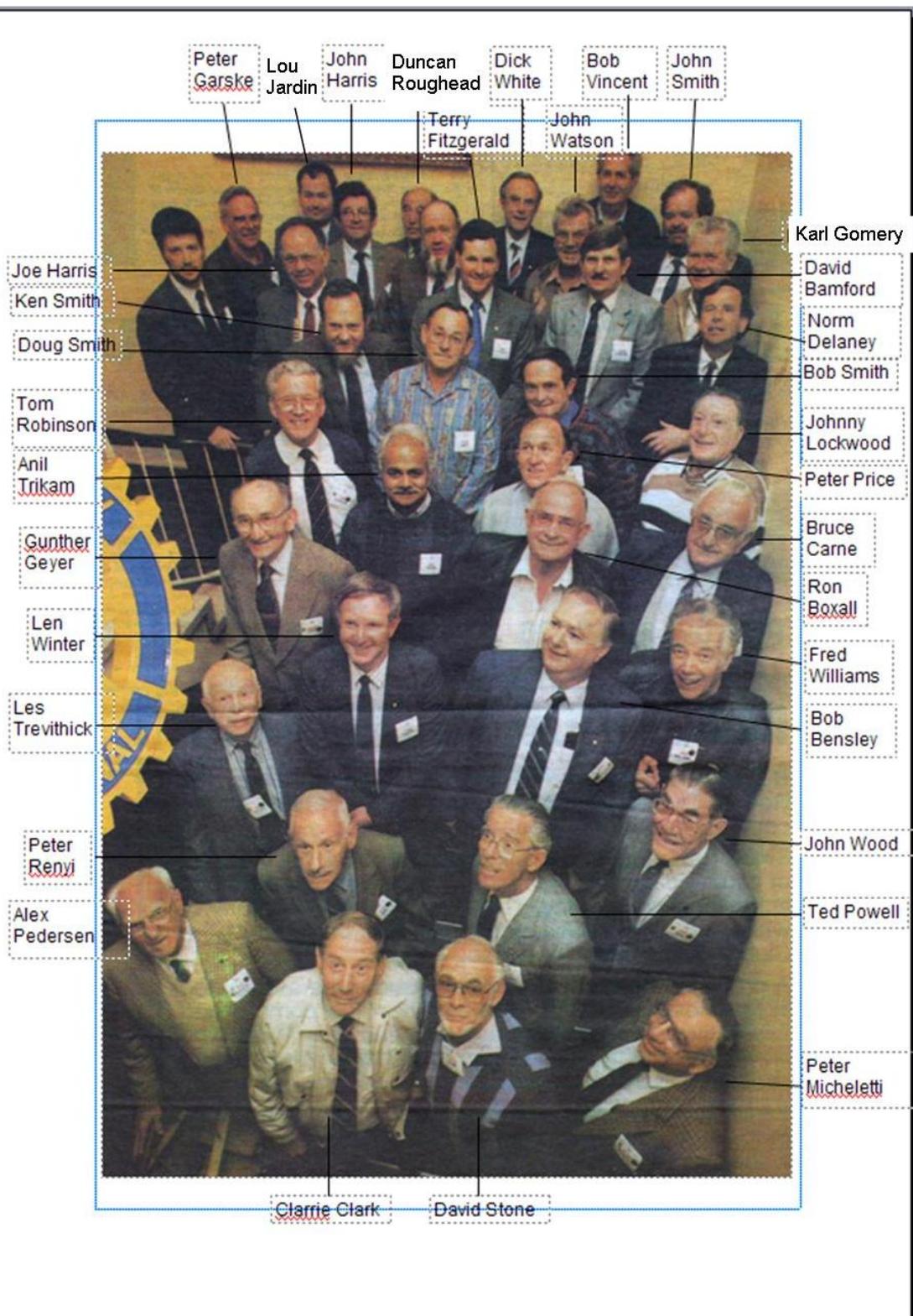
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<b>1985 - 1986</b>	Oliver, Doug <i>You are the Key</i> Edward F. Cadman	<b>1998 - 1999</b>	Gray, Melvin D <i>Follow Your Rotary Dream</i> James L. Lacy
<b>1986 - 1987</b>	Delaney, Norm E <i>Rotary Brings Hope</i> M.A.T. Caparas	<b>1999 - 2000</b>	Gray, Melvin D <i>Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity</i> Carlo Ravizza
<b>1987 - 1988</b>	Boxall, Kevin J <i>Rotarians - United in Service - Dedicated to Peace</i> Charles C. Keller	<b>2000 - 2001</b>	Constantinou, Spiro <i>Create Awareness Take Action</i> Frank J. Devlyn
<b>1988 - 1989</b>	Stone, David J <i>Put Life into Rotary - Your Life</i> Royce Abbey	<b>2001 - 2002</b>	Bensley, R (Bob) J <i>Mankind is our Business</i> Richard D. King
<b>1989 - 1990</b>	Smith R, (Bob) S <i>Enjoy Rotary!</i> Hugh M. Archer	<b>2002 - 2003</b>	Coward, George A <i>Sow the Seeds of Love</i> Bhichai Rattakul
<b>1990 - 1991</b>	Misra, Hari S <i>Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm</i> Paulo V.C. Costa	<b>2003 - 2004</b>	Winter, Len W <i>Lend a Hand</i> Jonathan B Majiyagbe
<b>1991 - 1992</b>	Harris, Joe G <i>Look Beyond Yourself</i> Rajendra K. Saboo	<b>2004 - 2005</b>	Baecker, Gus L <i>Celebrate Rotary</i> Glen E. Estess Snr
<b>1992 - 1993</b>	Bamford OAM, David R <i>Real Happiness is Helping Others</i> Clifford L Dochterman	<b>2005 - 2006</b>	Hanna, Rita <i>SERVICE Above Self</i> Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
<b>1993 - 1994</b>	Morton, Warren E <i>Believe in what you do, Do what you believe in</i> Robert R. Barth	<b>2006 - 2007</b>	Baker, Kerry E <i>Lead The Way</i> William 'Bill' Boyd
<b>1994 - 1995</b>	McEwen, Rae A <i>Be a Friend</i> William H. Huntley	<b>2007 - 2008</b>	Brown, David G <i>Rotary Shares</i> Wilfrid J Wilkinson
<b>1995 - 1996</b>	Fairfax, Ken J <i>Act with Integrity, Serve with Love, Work for Peace</i> Herbert G. Brown	<b>2008 - 2009</b>	Kelly, Ivan S <i>Make Dreams Real</i> Dong Kurn Lee
<b>1996 - 1997</b>	Price, Peter C <i>Build the future with Action and Vision</i> Luis Vincente Giay	<b>2009 - 2010</b>	Wilson, John B <i>The Future of Rotary IS IN YOUR HANDS</i> John Kenny
<b>1997 - 1998</b>	Grigg, Elwyn <i>Show Rotary Cares</i> Glen W. Kinross	<b>2010 – 2011 to 16<sup>th</sup> August 2010</b>	Beckett, Norm <i>Building Communities Bridging Continents</i> Ray Klinginsmith

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<b>2010 - 2011 from 17<sup>th</sup> August 2010</b>	Wilson, John B <i>Building Communities</i> <i>Bridging Continents</i> Ray Klinginsmith
<b>2011 - 2012</b>	Zena Shedden <i>Reach Within to Embrace Humanity</i> Kalyan Banerjee



## Club Members 1991



**Reunion 2000**



**Club Members 2002**



**Club Members 2006**



John Whitmore 1961-1963



Ted Hicks 1963



John Wood 1963 - 1965



Ury Stafford 1965



Ian Schartle 1965 - 1967



Henry Beran 1970 - 1971



Helmut Delfs 1971-1972



Dick White 1972 - 1973



Bill Bownes 1973 - 1974



Ted Powell 1974 - 1975



Drew Moffatt 1978 - 1979



Ron Boxall 1979 - 1980



Alex Pedersen 1980 - 1981



John Smith 1981-1982



Bob Gardiner 1982 - 1983



Norm Delaney 1986 - 1987



Kevin Boxall 1987-1988



David Stone 1988 - 1989



Bob Smith 1989 - 1990



Hari Misra 1990 - 1991



Rae McEwen 1994 - 1995



Ken Fairfax 1995 - 1996



Peter Price 1996 - 1997



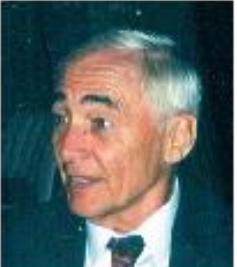
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Len Winter 2003 - 2004



Gus Baecker 2004 - 2005



Rita Hanna 2005 - 2006



Kerry Baker 2006-2007

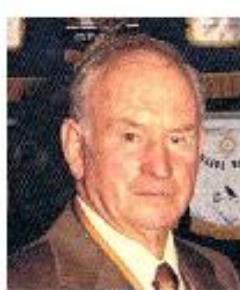


David Brown 2007-2008

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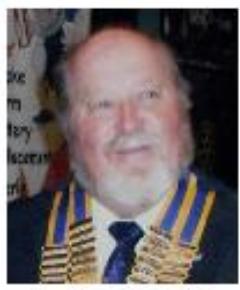
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Spiro Constantinou 2000-2001

Bob Bensley 2001 - 2002

George Coward 2002 - 2003



Ivan Kelly 2008 - 2009

John Wilson 2009 - 2010

Norm Beckett 2010 - 2011

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Zena Sheddien 2011 - 2012

