

1971 - 1972

Bill Boyce, six times Mayor of Strathfield was the Charter President. Bill Veitch was the Secretary. There were twenty-four members.

President Bill was in the chair for some fifteen months, into the District Governorship of Eric Blamey. Under his meticulous management and friendly guidance the Club built up the fellowship which has become a feature of it over the years.

In 1980, when President Lew Wilson had the pleasure of telling all those at the changeover meeting that Rotary International had named Bill Boyce, a Paul Harris Fellow, the first in the Club, he said: "Past President Bill was Charter President of the Club, serving in that capacity for fifteen months, very ably guiding the Club through the trials and tribulations of its formation period, and I think that the growth of the Club, both in terms of numbers and in practising the ideals of Rotary, is ample evidence of the enthusiasm and



dedication he brought to the job during those vital, early years."

It was the same enthusiasm and dedication which he gave to the residents of the Municipality of Strathfield during twenty-four years of outstanding service and an alderman, six of those years as our Mayor, and three as Deputy mayor.

CHARTER MEMBERS

Bass, P. (Peter)	Physician
Boyce, W. H. (Bill)	Building Construction
Brown, B. C. (Barry)	Dentistry - Orthodontist
Brown, R. (Bob)	Design Draughting
Crocker, H. G. (Giff)	Flour Milling
Cullen-Ward, B. A. (Brian)	Automobile Service
Edwards, C. G. (Clarrie)	Newsagency
Foss, P. J. (Peter)	Education - Primary Schools
Gillett, G. L. (Gordon)	Insurance - Life
Heslop, R. J. (John)	Electrical Equipment Distributing
Hogarth, R. H. (Dick)	Insurance - General
Hunt, G. (Geoff)	Textile Machinery Distributing
Killip, D. J. (Don)	Pharmacy
Langley, L. (Leo)	Meat Distributing
Martin, R. J. (Joe)	Sheltered Workshops
Mathers, J. (Jim)	Christianity - Protestantism
Murray, R. A. (Russell)	Hospitals
Pierce, T. L. (Les)	Real Estate Agency
Priddice, J. A. (Jim)	Accounting Service
Rich, D. P. (Don)	Surveying
Roach, P. J. (Peter)	Automobile Parts Distributing
Thurgar, R. I. (Ron)	Tableware Distributing
Veitch, W. R. (Bill)	Education - Private Schools
Walsh, B. P. (Brian)	Pipe Fittings Manufacturing

Those who remember those beautifully informal early days of the Club with those wonderful Ladies Nights have happy memories of President Bill's genial guidance. They were indeed halcyon days!

Approximately \$4000 was raised by the Club and donations were made to Western Suburbs District Hospital Intensive Care Unit, Aid Retarded Persons, Mission to Seamen, Disaster Fund for Famine Areas in New Guinea, National Heart Foundation, Life Line and citizenship awards to district schools.