

1980 - 1981

Dr Brian Hennell was President, Ray Livett was Secretary and the District Governor was Colin Dodds.

President Brian opened his Presidential outgoing address in these words:

"The 1980-81 year brought our Rotary Club to a maturity our Charter members could not envisage a decade ago. We now have a thriving Interact Club, a new-born Rotaract Club, a loyal and devoted Inner Wheel Club and an enthusiastically expanding Probus Club."

The President and his board had difficult decisions to make at the start of the year, about catering and the Club's venue. The move was made from the West Strathfield Bowling Club to the Town and Country Motel at South Strathfield, to the Flemington Markets Club and finally to the South Strathfield Bowling Club.

It was during this year that the Club assumed full responsibility for the Rotary Shirt Project. The Precedent said that the Club would be forever indebted to Peter Roach for the way he initiated the project and carried it financially for so many years. Don Killip with his usual enthusiasm took on the challenge at the time of drawing the project to a triumphant conclusion.

The Time Capsule Project, which was the brainchild of Barry Green was coming to fruition. The work had been frustrated by the repeated delays in the opening dates of the Strathfield Plaza.



The President acknowledged that the Club owed a debt of gratitude to Doreen Perry for inviting the Club's members to share in the Inner Wheel Club's functions at the Hogarths' and the Hislops' as well as helping in the catering at the New Year's Eve party.

Under Director George Hallworth, District 969's first Probus Club was chartered with Rotarian Brian Cullen-Ward as Charter President.

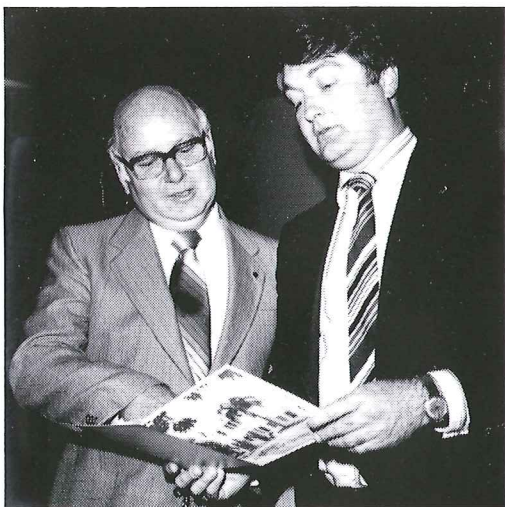
Rotarians Ray Sherry and Leo Reaby captained a team to repair the roof and replace the guttering of the Homebush Scout Hall.

During the year Rotary Youth Exchange Student Kathy Lawrence returned from an outstanding year in South Africa and Susan Templeman went to Mexico. Allicon Poloell from South Africa a Rotary Youth Exchange student attended nearly all the Club's meetings and organized talks at local schools.

The Club selected four fine candidates for the RYLA camp at Blue Gum Lodge, Karen Catalano, Craig Terrett, John Smith and John Mahoney.

Youth Service Director Bob Templeman's crowning achievement, which in the words of the President might will prove to be the most valuable service project in the Club's first decade of service, was the launching of the Rotaract Club of Strathfield.

The Charter was presented by District Governor Colin Dodds at a Gala Charter Evening on Friday 5th June 1981 at Canterbury Racecourse. The Charter President was Linda Harkin.



ROTARIAN CAPSULE IN PLAZA

STRATHFIELD Rotary Club will place a time capsule under the main concourse of Strathfield Plaza to coincide with the plaza opening.

It will be filled with capsule envelopes and opened in the year 2000.

Envelopes will cost \$2 and \$5 and proceeds will go to local charities.

The five-foot capsule will soon be displayed in local shopping centres.

Envelopes can be obtained from Strathfield Rotarians, various shops in the centre or by telephoning 29-7393.

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