

# 1981 - 1982

*The President was Gordon Gillett, the Secretary was Geoff Brooks and the District Governor was Geoff Dubois.*

As we have seen, in the preceding year, under the Presidency of Brian Hennell, rotarian Barry Green conceived the idea of the Club's arranging for a time capsule to be buried in the foundations of the Strathfield Plaza, then being erected. After repeated delays in the opening date of the Plaza, it was finally opened on 1st July, 1981. This was one of the significant events during this Rotary year. As one local newspaper put it

"Time stopped and history was arrested when His Worship the Mayor of Strathfield, Alderman Clarrie Edwards, officially entombed the Strathfield Rotary Club time Capsule under the Strathfield Plaza Concourse. The contents of the capsule will be recovered on the 1st July, 2000.



This fund-raising project, sponsored by Strathfield Rotarians helped raise a considerable sum of money in aid of various charities and community service organizations. Some of the worthy causes supported by the Strathfield Rotary Club are Chalmers Road Special School, RSPCA, local school, St Patrick's Swimming Club, Tongan Cyclone Relief, South End Tennis Club, Western Suburbs District Hospital medical scientific research and micro-search foundations, Down Syndrome Pre-School, Ashfield Infants' Home and Homebush Scout Hall. For more than twelve months Strathfield Rotarians have been gathering items of historic and sentimental value from people who happily chose to leave something of interest to posterity. President Gordon Gillett expressed pleasure at the co-operation from local residents and expressed the hope that most, if not all participants could be present at the opening of the capsule in the year 2000.



During the year \$3,000 was raised for the Disabled Athletes Stadium Appeal. This donation was handed over the following year.

