

# 1982 - 1983

*The year of David Croft's Presidency was a memorable one for the Rotary Club of Strathfield. It was the year of the Club's first District Governor, PP Bob Taylor. Bob was ably supported by the District Governor's Aide, PP Maurie Moroney. The Secretary was the very knowledgeable rotarian Harley Tarrant.*

Each week our Club proudly displayed the banner "The Home of the District Governor".

The organizing of the District Conference was an awesome task, but the week-end turned out to be an outstanding success. No small part of this was attributable to the organizing skills of Harley Tarrant and the fine chairmanship of PP Brian Hennell.

In the area of Community Service owing to the outstanding efforts of Don Killip over \$10,000 was raised for the Girl Guides Hall.

Substantial support was given for the Downs Syndrome Pre-School, the Broderick School and the Meli School Project in Fiji. Professor Gow received \$500 to assist him in his research in the field of Atherosclerosis, and money was donated to the Homebush Infants' School to help provide winter uniforms for twelve children recently arrived from Kampuchea and Vietnam.

The \$3,000 raised in Gordon Gillett's year for the Disabled Athletes' Stadium Appeal was handed over during this year.



The Rotary Youth Exchange student, Elizabeth Williams maintained the exceptionally high standard set by our earlier outbound exchange students.

The District selected Patrick O'Carrigan for a Rotary Foundation Scholarship. Anna McGillick, previously selected, spent this year at the University of Illinois.

The Director of Vocational Service was Rotarian Ray McCluskie who represented the Club on the Community Youth Support Scheme Committee.

Four outstanding RYLA representatives reported their experiences to the Club.

Once again the members were entertained and informed by high quality debating by the pupils of our local government and private high schools, under the chairmanship of PP Maurie Moroney.

The main social activities were the Bankstown Theatre Restaurant Evening, ANZAC Day festivities and the District Conference at Gosford.

Under Bob Templeman's capable direction the Club's membership increased to 60 members by June 1983, taking Strathfield ahead of Concord and making it the third largest club in District 969, after Parramatta and Burwood.

During the year the Club raised approximately \$17,800.

Very special thanks were given by President David to a "most competent, dedicated and hard-working secretary, and to Gerry Whalan who did an outstanding job as treasurer.