

1975 - 1976

Ron Thurgar was President this year, the late Barry Hughes was Secretary and the late Allan L Green was District Governor.

This year saw the Club's first Rotary Youth Exchange student, Shelly Lawlor, from Canada. She endeared herself to all and married President Bill Boyce and Thelma's son, Philip. At the time of writing, they are expecting their fifth child.

The Club sent its first student away, to Iowa, USA. He was none other than Christopher Thurgar, the son of the President.

It was at this time, that the Lidcombe Rotary Club, because of dwindling membership terminated. Our Club stepped in to help preserve the Interact Club, at Homebush Boys' High School. Two dances were held in the auditorium of the school and those of us Rotarians who attended to maintain decorum, still have vivid recollections of noise, more noise, strobe lighting, (an electric light which produces a series of intense flashes) and a perceptible deafness the next morning.



This year could almost be called the Rotary year of Chivalry. A beautiful red rose, attractively wrapped, was hand-delivered to every lady of Strathfield Rotary Club on her birthday. Frequently it was accompanied by a bottle of wine (I know Norah's was). The hand that delivered these presents was that of Evan Summerfield, who also paid for them.

The Club, under Ron's Presidency, was instrumental in erecting, with Council's permission, two seats on the footpath, near Homebush Public School, and one seat near the Central Library. It would seem that the plaques commemorating this gesture have long since disappeared.

It was the year when the Rotary Club of Strathfield made an Award to the Best Junior Player at the South Strathfield South End Tennis Club. The name appearing first on the Honour Board is Amanda Tobin. She later represented Australia in the Juniors at Wimbledon.

