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1993 – 1994

President - John Elvy

Secretary - Peter Douglas

Treasurer – Max Douglas

District Governor - Alan Grady

RI President - Robert R Barth

**RI Theme - Believe in What You Do. – Do
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John held his changeover in Strathfield Town Hall where he handed leadership of the Club to PE Euan Watson. His report for the year told of several significant achievements and also the sad loss of fellow Rotarian Ray Sherry. Ray's great and enduring legacy to Strathfield RC was the Pride of Workmanship Award started the previous year. The Board decided to create a special memorial prize in Ray's name to be awarded each year as a tribute on the Award night. A significant gesture was the awarding of a posthumous Paul Harris Fellowship to Ray's widow Nancy. Another significant achievement for the year was the establishment of a Rotary Grove of trees in Edwards Park Strathfield to commemorate the contribution Rotary had made to the community over the past 23 years. Membership increased by six during the year making the Club the largest in District 9690 with 63 members which included 3 ladies– Laurel O'Toole, Susan Jenkins, Denise Thomas.

The Community Service portfolios were shared between Ian Albertson and Peter Manenti this year who both reported significant achievements and not so good events. Ian reported the inaugural Australia Day celebrations in Strathfield Park organised by Ross Brown were an outstanding success. The Carols by Candlelight was well attended by the public in Strathfield Park in December but the cost of running the occasion hardly covered expenses. The various Club barbecues met with varying success during the year, it seems none were very profitable, and others were only 'raise the flag' events. Unfortunately, the Community Chest concept was not successful during the year as it clashed with a similar idea organised by neighbouring Rotary clubs. Peter reported a major financially successful event held at the ANA Hotel which raised over \$50,000. The main recipients were the Children's Medical Research Fund \$30,000, Variety Club \$10,000, Chalmers Road School \$5,750, Macquarie University Downs Syndrome Programme \$1500 and the Starlight Foundation \$3,000. The annual Christmas Stocking in Strathfield Plaza raised \$3000 with the help of many members.

Bob Templeman was the International Service Director in another busy year which saw PP Max Douglas and his GSE team farewelled at a District function hosted by the Club and well organised by the District GSE

Chairman PP Kevin Lawrenson. Upon their return from District 9300 in South Africa the team gave presentations at many Rotary Clubs and the District Conference.

A highlight of the year was the hosting of the inbound team by Strathfield members and their families. Again, Youth Exchange was an important part of the International programme for Strathfield. Our inbound student, Steffi Walgahn returned home to Germany and was replaced by Mette Lauritzen from Denmark who started her school year at Meriden. The host families for the girls were Eric & Pauline Khu, Ralph & Claire Buono, Richard & Yolla Yarad, PP Robert & Margot Lee and John & Judith Elvy. Our outbound student, Belinda Savell, returned from Japan and Nathan Kelly set off for 12 months in Japan.

During the year PP Shane Smallwood, PP Kevin Lawrenson and Peter Douglas all received Paul Harris Fellowship awards for services to the Club. Rod McGeoch AM was also presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship at a special meeting in which he talked about his contribution to the winning of the Olympic Games for Sydney in 2000. Again, the Club maintained the \$35 per member contribution to the Rotary Foundation.

PP Robert Lee was the Vocational Service Director who reported a well-attended presentation of the Pride of Workmanship Awards where the Guest Speaker, Robbie Farrar, spoke about the Pursuit of Excellence, seven awards were given on the night. There was also a serious attempt to link with a country Rotary Club to broaden the knowledge of rural and urban life for members of each Club.

PE Elect Euan Watson as the Club Service Director thanked Ray McCluskie for the excellent job he did as the Programme Chairman and Ray Wilson for organising a very successful District Golf Day which raised \$13500. He acknowledged Pat McGill for his efforts as Club photographer and PP Brian Hennell as a very effective Sergeant at Arms. The meals at South Strathfield Bowling Club also rated a mention.

Tony Lanzafame kindly took up the reins of the Youth Service portfolio following the resignation of PP Rick Angelo very early in the Rotary year. He reported the involvement of the Club in all the District youth activities and the re chartering of the Strathfield South High School Interact Club. Unfortunately, he reported the 'collapse' of our own Rotaract Club and its amalgamation with the Burwood Rotaract Club. On a positive note our candidate won the Teenager of the Year award.