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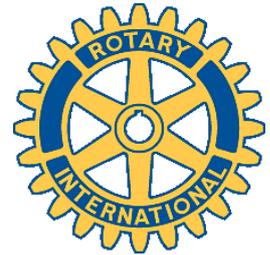
President - Euan Watson

Secretary - George Hallworth

Treasurer – Bob Templeman

District Governor – Barry McConville

RI President - William H Huntley



RI - Theme – Be a Friend

[Euan Watson](#) was Strathfield's 25th President and in his Annual Report at the end of his year he mentions the proud history of the Rotary Club of Strathfield from our beginnings in 1971 with Bill Boyce as Charter President until the present. He mentioned the great fellowship enjoyed by the members and how we had grown into the largest Rotary Club in the District with 68 members and 2 honorary members, Bill Boyce and Don Killip (both charter members).

During the year Euan inducted 10 new members of whom Janelle Watson, George Helou and Keith Byrn still remain and John Leftwich is an honorary member. He reported several large donations that included \$5,000 donation to drought affected farmers (familiar story here), \$10,000 for a Strathfield Municipal Council Community Bus and \$25,000 to the MS Society. This was in addition to the purchase of a barbecue trailer, overhead projector, slide projector and screen. The Rotary Foundation also benefitted with the creation of 3 Paul Harris Fellowships during the year. He finished his personal report by urging members 'not to be afraid of committing to higher office'.

The two Community Service Directors, Bob Kelly and Richard Yarad, reported a busy and productive year. One initiative, still with us, was the inaugural planting of trees in Edwards Park to commemorate Past Presidents of our Club and those who were members but Past Presidents of other Clubs.

Plenty of barbecues – Bates Street Kindergarten, Kurralee Pre-Kindergarten, Carols in the Park, and Homebush West Public School to launch Trees for 2000. At this time our Community Chest was still going strong with many organisations benefiting. The Christmas stocking in Strathfield Plaza raised \$5197 with the help of Rotarians, Partners, Inner Wheel and Probus.

This was the year we held a monster garage sale in Strathfield Square. It was a great fun and fellowship day but the return of \$2800 was poor considering the effort of all especially the organisers, Sam Helou and Susan Jenkins. During the year three lotto's were conducted to successfully raise funds to purchase a slide projector and screen for use at Club meetings.

Vocational Service was led by PP Peter Manenti who organised a very successful Pride of Workmanship award with the presentation of the inaugural Ray Sherry Memorial Award to NSW Police Officer Sgt Barry Lemme.

Tony Lanzafame was the Youth Service Director who reported the formation of a new Interact Club at South Strathfield High School as well as the continued success of the Meriden Interact Club under the stewardship of PP Max Douglas. Unfortunately the Strathfield Rotaract Club closed during the year through lack of interest. The entire District youth programmes were well supported by the Club and many students from local schools benefitted from these programmes. The inter school debating competition organised originally by PP Maurie Moroney was not held this year as many local schools hold their own debating competitions.

PP Ted Ingall was a very entertaining Sergeant and kept a tight rein on weekly meetings.