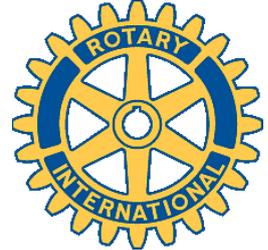


2000-2001**President Raymond McCluskie****Secretary Allan Petersen****Treasurer Alan Taylor****District Governor – David Croft****RI President – Frank J Devlyn****RI Theme – Create Awareness – Take Action**

The year 2000-2001 was the year of President Raymond McCluskie and the Sydney Olympics. There was much to be done welcoming visitors and attending millennium functions organised by Rotary International. This was a year where Rotary was busy with change and not just because we entered the new millennium.

It was the year the Bulletin cover and club banner were enhanced with the picture of Olympic site; the year where Rotary had to handle the goods and services tax; the year where the club developed its first webpage; and it was the year we exhumed the time capsule that was developed in Past President Brian Hennell's year and it was the year when our PP David Croft was District Governor and our club was heavily involved with the conference on the central coast.

Rotary also entered the new millennium with a few other initiatives too. There was a 30 years Strathfield Rotary birthday night and it was good to see charter members, now Ron Thurgar, Clarrie Edwards, and Dick Hogarth return to attend our Club meeting. It was emotional evening on the Anzac awareness night where PP Harley Tarrant described his search for an Anzac across the killing fields of France and how he came upon his Uncle's grave. We also inducted two new members in that year: Joe Campisi and Vicki Wybrow. PP Terry Rohan received his Paul Harris Fellow. And sadly it was the year of PP Don Killop's funeral.

Our Club was involved in quite a number of activities held in partnership with other organisations, both government and non government: The Australia day event, the Carols by Candlelight, the fun run, the Salvation Army and Red Shield appeal day, the Golf day and the BBQs. Perhaps in among all of them the "mental health forum" was ground breaking.

Our partnership activities were not just local either. Along with the Rotary Club of Nasik Road in India and using a matching grant from Rotary International we successfully ran a literacy program for women in little town in India.

Although in that year the Club decided not to pursue an outgoing Youth exchange student it was very active in supporting our youth (RYLA, RYPEN, MUNA, INTERACT and the local School citizenship prizes).

As an example of our youth initiatives we selected Camille Erskine as our own local cultural awardee and supported her while she studied Ballet in New Zealand.

There were a number of benefactors as the result of Strathfield Rotary Club's fund raising; the major recipient was the Down Syndrome Association of NSW in which the money was earmarked to provide initial help for new mothers.

As an acknowledgement of its efforts throughout the Rotary Year 2000-2001, the Rotary Club of Strathfield received the Rotary International Presidential citation from Rotary International President Frank J. Devlyn.

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