

2000-2001**President - Roger Vince****Secretary Allan Petersen****Treasurer Alan Taylor****District Governor - Phil Lacey****RI President - Richard D King****RI Theme - Mankind is our Business**

Fellowship and good attendance at our weekly meetings was a highlight of the 2001/2002 Rotary Year. Bert Houston was the official Sergeant at Arms who organised a new Sergeant each month with great success.

Seven new members were inducted as our contribution to the call to increase membership of Rotary throughout the world. The Club welcomed Domenico Alvaro, Janis Green, Arjun Jeganathan, Roy Schmidt and Peter Van der Sleen. Garry Pearce and Ray Wilson were both previous members. To counter this gain of seven members we lost four of our esteemed Past Presidents, Kevin Lawrenson, Peter Kilkeary and Max Douglas. They were all outstanding Presidents and contributed immensely to our Rotary Club and to the Strathfield community. Sadly during the year, PP Maurie Moroney the first person to be inducted into the Rotary Club of Strathfield in 1971 died. Maurie will long be remembered as a great President and Club member as well as a great supporter of many organisations in the Strathfield Municipality.

One thing that will be remembered is the outstanding guest speakers we had each week arranged by PP Rod McDougall. The visits to Ross and Joan Brown's property at Yarramalong and Domenico and Joanna Alvaro's home at Bowral were great fellowship days for all who were able to attend.

The rain again washed out the Carols by Candlelight but the inaugural Trish Multiple Sclerosis Golf Day at Strathfield Golf Club raised \$18500. The Xmas Stocking in Strathfield Plaza raised \$4000 with the help of our own Rotarians, Probus, our Mayor and many others. The Community Chest and Christmas Treasure Trove under the direction of Burwood Rotary Club also raised \$14000 for our local community groups.

The Club was again active in International Services with Janelle Watson at the helm. US\$7000 was contributed towards the cost of building a large number of sanitary facilities at a school in the southern Indian town of Belgaondhaga. This was a joint Matching Grant project with the Rotary Foundation and the Indian Rotary Club of Nasik Road who supervised the construction work.

17 Pride of Workmanship Awards were presented at a very well attended evening at Le Montage, Leichhardt organized by PP Keith Byrn with his team of PP Grahame True and PP Brian Johnson. Andrew Mitchell, the Sports Master from Homebush Boys High School, was presented with the Ray Sherry Shield. The guest speaker was the Director of the Art Gallery of NSW, Edmund Capon who delivered an inspiring address.

Youth Service under PP Keith Stockall was strong during the year with three young people attending the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) and another three students attended the Model United Nations (MUNA) seminar. We were also fortunate to have a student selected to attend the coveted National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) in Canberra during the summer vacation. The Meriden School Interact Club remains one the outstanding Interact Clubs and was well supported by our Rotary Club during the year.