



2006/2007

President: Rod McDougall

Secretary: Roger Vince
Treasurer: Keith Stockall
District Governor: Harley Tarrant
RI President: Bill Boyd
RI Theme: Lead the Way

President Rod McDougall's focus was on youth, the local community, membership development and hosting the district conference.

The club was extremely busy in youth programs under director Bradley Ayres with 8 students sponsored to RYPEN and 3 to RYLA and teams from Meriden, Strathfield Girls' High and Homebush Boys' High were sponsored to MUNA. At the suggestion of Tony Lanzafame the club instigated Youth Achievement Awards in association with Strathfield Council. The club also supported Strathfield Girls' High in its Literature Extension and Australian Business Week programs. In another first for the club, St. Patrick's College was sponsored to RYDA at the new Penrith venue. Strathfield also supported the district Shoeboxes for East Timor project by providing 31 boxes.

Thanks, in great measure to the efforts of Ray Wilson the club inducted a record 15 new members with no losses and received a certificate from RI for its achievement in membership development and retention. Unfortunately, the club lost Bob Templeman at the end of the year when he moved to his new club, Springwood. Bob was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award by President Rod.

The Trish Golf Day and Dinner under the dedicated leadership of Niall King was a great success with \$27,000 raised for the Trish MS Foundation. Among other organisations benefited by the club's fund raising were Chalmers Road Special School, Homebush West Public School, Meals on Wheels and Oncology Children's Foundation. One of the year's most satisfying projects was the Forbes-Parkes drought relief project carried out in conjunction with the Salvation Army which provided \$10,000 to that stricken area.

In the International sphere, the club sponsored Joanna Iskander for Youth Exchange and agreed to accept a student. A Shelter Box was purchased and the Rotary Against Malaria project supported. Funds were contributed to The Rotary Foundation for four Paul Harris Fellowship recognitions for Bradley Ayres, Kevin Beltrame, Niall King and Ray Wilson.

The club's effort in organising the district conference in Newcastle won high praise throughout the district. Support by the members was strong and enthusiastic and helped to build a great sense of fellowship in the club.

Strathfield was one of 15 clubs in the district to receive a Presidential Citation.