



2007 – 2008

President - Brian Johnson

Secretary – Allan Petersen

Treasurer – Allan Teale

District Governor - Jennifer Scott

RI President - Wilfred J Wilkinson

RI Theme – Rotary Shares

It was a sad start for the year with the passing of PP Euan Watson. The Board thought it appropriate to name the new garden at the Multiple Sclerosis Centre at Lidcombe in memory of Euan and also help to finance and build the garden with the help of Members of the Club. During the year the Club included Arthur Crossan as an Honorary member.

One of the highlights and a milestone in the history of our Club was the chartering of the Rotary Club of Breakfast Point in May 2008. PDG Harley Tarrant and PP Peter Foss achieved this goal after spending many months putting together a team of Charter Members to make sure they had a good start. This is the first Rotary Club sponsored by Strathfield since our own Charter night in 1971.

Fund raising activities included another very successful Trish MS Research Golf Day organised by Niall King as Community Service Director with help from Ray Wilson and Les Hockley. A gala night to raise funds for the Royal Far West Children's Health Scheme was also held. The Club was also involved in sponsoring a Juniors Golf Day for Strathfield Golf Club.

The Club under the Youth Service Director Bradley Ayres had a great year sending students to RYPEN, RYLA and MUNA. The Youth Achievements Award held in conjunction with Strathfield Council awarded eight students with awards in Arts and Culture, Community Service, Environmental Science and Technology and several Sport awards. As in previous years book prizes for citizenship were given to the many schools in our municipality. For the second year the Club was involved in a forum for a Literature Extension Programme for students from Strathfield Girls High School.

PP Keith Byrn reported another well attended Police Officer of the Year Award and Pride of Workmanship Award held during the year. Both these awards have become very much part of our annual commitment to the community.

International Service was well supported by its Director Paolo Giammarco with an outbound and inbound student to and from France. Our inbound student, Laura Fleurquin, was hosted by several Strathfield Rotary Club members and their families whilst attending Meriden. Our outbound student was Johanna Iskander. The District Group Study Exchange this year was with D7870 to New Hampshire USA.

The other Community Service Director, Janelle Watson, reported a very successful weekly raffle with many members contributing prizes each week. This year's 'Carols by Candlelight' was held in poor weather and this had a significant impact on numbers. Even though the Club no longer organises the event, leaving that onerous task to Strathfield Council, we do rely on a good crowd for fund raising with the raffle and barbecue.