



**2010 - 2011**

**President - Peter Smith**

**Secretary - Roger Vince**

**Treasurer - Keith Stockall**

**District Governor - Marilyn Mercer**

**RI President - Ray Klinginsmith**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010 Peter Smith was inducted as the 40<sup>th</sup> president of the Rotary Club of Strathfield. At the end of his year he reflected on this special year in the Changeover Bulletin – 'The club celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at a black tie function at the Castel D'Oro in Five Dock on 6 May 2011. This was a wonderful night which was superbly organised by PDG Harley Tarrant and his committee.' Several past members attended and there was much reminiscing about past members and past events. As Peter pointed out in his report it was a great reminder of the variety of community services and projects the club had instigated or been involved with for the last 40 years together with the fellowship and the many friendships made by members.

All in the club were saddened by the passing of Shirley Del Prado in December 2010 who joined the Club in 1997 – one of the club's true characters. Many of her friends contributed to her final farewell generously and the surplus funds were used to purchase two Shelter Boxes in memory of Shirley – this Rotary project is used in emergency situations around the world.

Falling membership of Rotary is not only confined to Australia and RI urged a greater effort to address the problem. During the year PP Rod McDougall organised a membership promotion and information evening which helped to increase membership. Six new members were inducted during the year – Naveed Chaudhry, David Martin, Peter Revelos, Rod Rimes, Adrian Risi and Chris Virgona. Sadly Warren Abbott and John Watkins resigned for health reasons, Kevin Beltrame moved to the city and joined Sydney Cove RC, Darrell Slater who was the Club Service Director was transferred to Parramatta and he joined Parramatta City RC. The other resignations during the year was Neil Kennan.

The production of a weekly bulletin is an important publication to keep members and others up to date with the club's activities. We were kept well informed this year with a quality production edited by PE Trevor Duxbury with the contribution of several members. Grahame True as Sergeant at Arms kept the meeting going and extracted loose change from the members with great humour. Keith Stockall as Treasurer, a thankless task, managed the club's finances with professional ease. The weekly raffle was in the capable hands of David Martin who organised generous sponsors both inside and outside the club. Again Strathfield RC was fortunate to have Raymond McCluskie as our webmaster to ensure members and friends of Rotary were kept updated with news via our website.

As in previous years two highlights of the Rotary Year are the Police Officer of the Year Award and the Pride of Workmanship Award. This year Doug Potter as Vocational Service Director organised two very successful evenings with the help of several members. We were privileged to be addressed by Commissioner Andrew Scipione at the police awards. A donation of \$1000 was made to Police Legacy, the proceeds of the raffle with a top up from the club.

Youth Service or New Generations was very capably led by Kevin Beltrame who organised the many youth programmes Strathfield RC is involved with –

Strathfield Girls HS Literary Extension Programme presentation.

RYDA - Rotary Youth Driver Awareness at Penrith - 300 Meriden and St Patricks students.

18 schools received Annual Citizenship Awards for special students.

RYPEN – Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment – 7 students from St Patricks, Homebush Boys HS and Adventist College.

RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Awards – 4 participants

Meriden Interact – 40 students in years 10 and 11 distributed