

## **1992 – 1993**

**President - Doug Potter**  
**Secretary - Bob Templeman**  
**Treasurer – Peter Kilkeary**  
**District Governor - Denis Green**  
**RI President Clifford Dochterman**  
**RI Theme - Real Happiness is Helping Others**

Doug held his changeover at Montrose House, Croydon Park where he inducted John Elvy as the President for 1993 – 1994. In his report for the year he listed the many achievements of his year.

Community Service Director Warren Abbott and Committee Chairman Peter Manenti organised a function for the Fred Hollow's Foundation which raised \$13,500 with a dinner and auction at the Concord Function Centre and a door knock appeal in the Strathfield Municipality. Community Chest under Chairman Peter Douglas, Christmas Stocking with Pat McGill, Carols by Candlelight organised by Ian Albertson and Barbecues organised by Paul Giammarco all raised significant funds for the Club during the year. PP Maurie Moroney continued to oversee the three Probus Clubs sponsored by the Club. Unfortunately the Strathfield Rotaract Club finally went into "recess" due to a 'decline in membership'.

A highlight of the year was the Pride of Workmanship Awards in March 1993 organised by Vocational Service Director Euan Watson. Twenty five awardees were chosen after sending one hundred and fifty letters to managers of local businesses, Euan always thought big.

Robert Lee was a very busy International Service Director for the year. The Club was very successful with two candidates, Irene Savvides and Jo McLean, being chosen for the GSE team to visit District 9300 in South Africa. The team was led by our own PP Max Douglas. We were also very involved in hosting the inbound team from District 5020, USA and Canada. The year also saw us hosting Youth Exchange student Steffi Walgahn from Germany and sending an outbound student, Belinda Savell to Japan. Steffi will be remembered as an outstanding

ambassador and student with a warm personality. During the year a fashion parade raised \$1250 for IPAC/World Community Service and donations of \$35 per member achieved the goal of 100% for the Rotary Foundation. PP Max Douglas was named as a Paul Harris Fellow during the year.

Youth Services was also busy and was led by Sal Tosto who graciously accepted the position of Director following the resignation of Ross Maiorana. Four students were sponsored and attended the RYLA camp at Springwood and two students also attended the RYPEN camp. We were also represented for the first time at MUNA with two students and Michelle Haywood was our successful candidate at the National Summer Science School in Canberra. The Interact Club at Meriden School under the leadership of President Tharini Mudaliar went from strength to strength raising a considerable sum for the Fred Hollows Foundation. The South Strathfield Interact Club was restarted with limited success. The Club's candidate Shehara Viswanathan became the Rotary Teenager of the Year. Meriden won the 92/93 debating competition held with the High Schools in the area organised by PDG Paul Sarks.

THE Club Service Directors were PP Shane Smallwood and John Elvy who was also President Elect. They reported that during the year Kevin Lawrenson entertained the members with a good supply of Guest Speakers and Raymond McCluskie extracted loose change from the members as Sergeant At Arms. The year was also enhanced with several social occasions including a German night and family barbecues. Membership increased by five but this was offset with the loss of four however one goal achieved was the induction of the first female member, Denise Thomas.

President Doug reported a change in the caterers and in his report he mentioned the Club paid half the cost of repainting the South Strathfield Bowling Club which served many community groups including Probus. He thanked the members for allowing him to be the 22<sup>nd</sup> President of the Rotary Club of Strathfield.