

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAHROONGA

Presentation on 29th July 2015

A HISTORY OF THE EARLY DAYS

IT IS APPROPRIATE I THINK THAT IN THIS FOURTIETH YEAR CELEBRATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OUR ROTARY CLUB THAT WE PAUSE FOR A WHILE AND LOOK BACK ON THE HISTORY OF OUR CLUB.

UNTIL RECENTLY WE HAD TWO MEMBERS WHO WERE CHARTER MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB IN 1975. ROB FERGUSON IS THE ONLY MEMBER LEFT AND I AM INDEBITED TO HIM FOR RETAINING A LOT OF THE EARLY KNOWLEDGE AND PASSING IT ON TO ME AS THE CLUB HISTORIAN.

THERE IS A FOLDER GOING ROUND WHICH YOU WILL FIND VERY INTERESTING. IT CONTAINS A COPY OF THE MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING ON THE 7TH OCTOBER 1975 OF THE BOARD OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF TURRAMURRA REGARDING PROPOSED TERRITORIAL AREAS FOR A NEW CLUB SHARED WITH TURRAMURRA AND PROBLEMS WITH THE CEDING OF SOME AREAS FROM THE HORNSBY CLUB. THERE IS ALSO AN ORIGINAL COPY OF THE PROGRAM FOR THE CHARTER NIGHT ON THE 25TH NOVEMBER 1975 HELD AT THE POLICE CITIZENS BOYS CLUB AT HORNSBY. THE ANCESTRY OF OUR CLUB IS ALSO IN THE FOLDER AS WELL AS THE LIST OF THE ORIGINAL 24 CHARTER MEMBERS.

WELL, LETS START AT THE BEGINNING. GORDON BAKER, A PAUL HARRIS FELLOW FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF TURRAMURRA HAD THE FORESIGHT TO REALISE THAT A NEW LUNCHTIME CLUB COULD GATHER BUSINESS PEOPLE FROM THE WAHROONGA AREA WHO WERE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND AN EVENING MEETING. HE INITIALLY INTERVIEWED SOME 60-70 POTENTIAL MEMBERS HOLDING MEETINGS AT THE 'ELSINOR SCHWEIZER HOF RESTAURANT' (NOW GUARDIAN FUNERALS). MANFRED HASS WAS A GREAT FRIEND AND OWNED THE RESTAURANT. THESE WERE HOSTED BY GORDON AND HIS WIFE ROMA WITH THE HELP OF TURRAMURRA MEMBERS. THIS NUMBER WAS GRADUALLY 'WINNOWNED' DOWN TO 35 AND THEN TO 24 WITH WHOM HE CONDUCTED FINAL INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS TO EXPLAIN THE PRIVILAGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BECOMING A ROTARIAN. THE FIRST 'INTENT' MEETING WAS HELD FOR 24 PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS ON THE 26TH JULY 1975.

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A MORE FORMAL MEETING WAS HELD EARLY IN NOVEMBER 1975, CHAIRED BY PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR HARRY FIELDHOUSE, THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR, BOB MOIN, THE PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF TURRAMURRA, GORDON BAKER AND THE 24 POSSIBLE NEW MEMBERS. THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED.

- **THAT THE PROVISIONAL ROTARY CLUB OF WAHROONGA APPLY FOR A CHARTER TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL.**
- **ADOPT A MODIFIED STANDARD CONSTITUTION AND SET OF BYLAWS.**
- **SPECIFY AND APPROVE BOUNDARIES.**
- **ELECT ITS FIRST OFFICERS.**

THE PROVISIONAL ROTARY CLUB HELD ITS FIRST MEETING AT 12.30PM FOR 1.00PM START AT WHAT WAS TO BECOME THEIR HOME AT THE SCHWEIZER HOF RESTAURANT ON MONDAY THE 17TH NOVEMBER 1975.

THIS MEETING, ALONG WITH SO MANY IN THOSE EARLY DAYS, WAS DISTINGUISHED BY A GREAT DEAL OF TENTATIVENESS (NO DOUBT DUE TO A GREAT LACK OF ROTARY PROCEDURE), BUT ENTHUSED BY A SURGE OF INTEREST AS EACH LEARNED FROM THE OTHER.

THE CLUB WAS PRESENTED WITH ITS CHARTER (hold up) ON THE 25TH NOVEMBER 1975 IN THE PRESENCE OF MANY MEMBERS OF THE CLUBS OF DISTRICT 268. THE EVENING WAS SPONSORED BY OUR MOTHER CLUB, TURRAMURRA ON A VERY HOT BUT HAPPY NIGHT.

BY WAY OF INTEREST THIS VERY SPECIAL OCCASION COST \$7.50 PER PERSON INCLUDING DRINKS.

THE FIRST BOARD MEETING WAS HELD ON THE 8TH DECEMBER 1975 AT THE 'BUSH' SCHOOL IN BURNS ROAD WAHROONGA. AT THAT MEETING IT WAS AGREED THAT:

- **THERE WOULD BE AN ADMISSION FEE OF \$20.00 FOR NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN.**

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- THAT MEMBERSHIP WOULD COST \$45.00 PER ANNUM PAYABLE HALF YEARLY TO AVOID UNDUE HARDSHIP.
- THE MID-DAY MEAL AT THE SCHWEIZER HOF WOULD BE \$4.00 PER HEAD OF WHICH \$0.25c WOULD BE RETAINED TO PAY FOR THE MEAL OF THE GUEST SPEAKER!! AND THE RUNNING OF THE CLUB.

GORDON BAKER SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME CHECKING ON CLASSIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERS AS IN THOSE DAYS THERE WERE ONLY 56 BUSINESS CLASSIFICATIONS APPROVED WITH A QUALIFICATION THAT ONLY 1 RESIDENTIAL ROTARIAN IN THE DEFINED BOUNDARIES COULD BE GIVEN A CLASSIFICATION. HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED. I REMEMBER THAT ALAN DWYER, A CHARTER MEMBER AND AN ARCHITECT LIVING IN BURNS RD. HAD TO GIVE APPROVAL FOR ME TO JOIN THE CLUB AS 'ADDITIONAL ACTIVE' IN 1977, THANKFULLY AS I LIVED IN FORREST AVE NORTH WAHROONGA, RIGHT ON THE LIMITS OF OUR AREA. THESE CLASSIFICATIONS WERE QUITE A PROBLEM AS WE HAD 3 CHARTER MEMBERS IN EDUCATION – SOLVED BY

- EDUCATION - PRIMARY
- EDUCATION - PRIVATE
- EDUCATION – PRINCIPAL

CLASSIFICATIONS WERE THEN CHANGED TO 'ACTIVE' 'ADDITIONAL ACTIVE' 'PAST SERVICE' AND 'SENIOR ACTIVE'. THIS MEANT CHANGING ONE'S NAME BADGE EVERY TIME A NEW MEMBER WITH THE SAME PROFESSION OR BUSINESS WAS WELCOMED INTO THE CLUB.

OUT OF THE 24 CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE CLUB ONLY 5 HAD PREVIOUS ROTARY EXPERIENCE. IT WAS NOT UNTIL THEY ATTENDED THE DISTRICT 268 CONFERENCE IN MARCH 1976 THAT THE FLEDGLING CLUB UNDERSTOOD THE AMAZING INFLUENCE THAT ROTARY HAD ON BOTH THE LOCAL AND BROADER COMMUNITY. THIS CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT THE KU-RING-GAI COLLEGE OF ADVANCED EDUCATION.

BEING VERY ENTHUSIASTIC AND HAVING A CHARTER MEMBER (IAN MCDONALD) WHO WAS AN ART DEALER THE CLUB DECIDED TO HAVE AN ART

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SHOW IN ITS FIRST YEAR!. THIS WAS ARRANGED TO BE HELD AT GRACE BROTHERS, CHATSWOOD AND WAS OPENED ON THE 6TH APRIL 1976 BY NON OTHER THAN THE DISTINGUISHED FILM PRODUCER, PAT LOVELL, WITH A CHICKEN AND CHAMPAGNE SUPPER (WILL THEY EVER GO OUT OF FASHION). MEMBERS AND WIVES FORMED A ROSTER TO ATTEND FOR THE WHOLE WEEK OF THE EXHIBITION. PAINTINGS WERE WORTH (THEN) OVER \$200,000.00. THE VENTURE PUT OUR CLUB ON THE MAP AND RAISED THE SUM OF \$1,100.00 AFTER COSTS! AS JOHN DOUGHERTY SAID IN HIS REPORT TO THE CLUB

- *WE WORKED, COMPLAINED, SOCIALISED AND BEST OF ALL CONTRIBUTED OF OURSELVES TO PROVIDE A COMMUNITY SERVICE AND FELT THAT WE WERE AT LAST TRUE ROTARIANS.*

HOWEVER, DURING THE 1977-1978 YEAR A FEELING WAS EVIDENT THAT WE SHOULD CHANGE FROM A DAY TO AN EVENING MEETING – THE VOTE WAS PUT - ON THE BASIS THAT WE WERE NOT INCREASING OUR MEMBERSHIP RESULTING FROM AN AMBITIOUS DAY CLUB. THE RESULT WAS ‘STEADY AS SHE GOES’ WITH A RIDER THAT

‘ONLY IF AND WHEN WE START TO LOSE IMPETUS WITHIN OUR SPHERE OF ACTIVITIES SHOULD THIS SUBJECT BE AGAIN RAISED’. IT TOOK A FURTHER 6 YEARS BEFORE THE CONCEPT OF AUSTRALIA’S FIRST ROTARY BREAKFAST CLUB WOULD EVENTUATE.

DURING THOSE 6 YEARS THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB DROPPED FROM 29 TO 23 MEMBERS, HOWEVER UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF PRESIDENTS ROB FERGUSON, NORM DANVERS, BOB ENGLAND, ERN HOY, JACK RASHLEIGH AND Dr BILL LEVENTHAL, THE FOLLOWING ACHIEVEMENTS WERE MADE:

- WHEN THE SCHWEIZER HOF CLOSED FOR LUNCH WE HAD TO FIND A NEW MEETING PLACE. THIS WE FOUND AT THE KU-RING-GAI CLUB IN TELEGRAPH RD. AT PYMBLE.
- WE FORMED OUR FIRST PROBUS CLUB
- THE REV. BRIAN KING (SUBSEQUENTLY BISHOP OF PARRAMATTA) ARRANGED WATER TANKS TO A VILLAGE IN PAPUA/NEW GUINEA

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- WITH THE FIRE BRIGADE, PRODUCING A PRESENTATION TO THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE (THEN 45 CLUBS IN 1980) FOR THE SUPPLY OF HYDRAULIC RESCUE EQUIPMENT (JAWS)
- SUPPORT FOR THE CAREERS ADVISORY MARKET AT CHATSWOOD TOWN HALL. (5930 CHILDREN FROM 17 SCHOOLS WITH 87 COUNCILLORS)
- EXCHANGE STUDENT PROGRAMS
- ART SHOW (271 PAINTINGS) AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH HALL FOR THE UPA'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY APPEAL. (56 PAINTINGS SOLD)
- ROTARY/COUNCIL CONSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC ISLAND AND PEDESTRIAN REFUGE IN WAHROONGA VILLAGE.
- VISIT TO MICRO-SURGERY RESEARCH CENTRE AT SURRY HILLS.
- AWARDING OUR FIRST PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP TO JACK RASHLEIGH.
- ESTABLISHING A STAIRWAY ELEVATOR AT PROUILLE SCHOOL SO THEY COULD ADMIT PHYSICALLY DISABLED CHILDREN TO THE UPPER LEVEL.
- THROUGH I.P.A.C. WE FUNDED TWO CASES OF 4 HENS AND 1 YEAR'S SUPPLY OF CHICKEN FEED FOR THAI BORDER REFUGEE CAMPS.
- HELPING THE FOUNDER OF T.A.D. TO ATTEND AN INTER. CONFERENCE IN HOUSTON TEXAS, OUR CLUB ARRANGING WITH CLUBS IN HOUSTON, PAOLO ALTO AND DOWNEY FOR GEORGE'S ACCOMODATION. THIS RESULTED IN A T.A.D. GROUP BEING FORMED IN THE AREA, COMMUNICATING WITH AUSTRALIA.
- WE ARRANGED WITH THE ROTARY CLUB OF WIEN IN AUSTRIA TO ACCOMMODATE ROSEMARY BLAKE, A CHURCHILL FELLOW AND ORGANIST FROM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, REGARDING HER STUDIES AT THE ACADEMY.

UNDER BILL LEVENTHAL'S YEAR AS PRESIDENT, TONY DICKIN, A MEMBER OF 'S.W.A.P' (SALESMEN WITH A PURPOSE) SUGGESTED OUR LAGGING MEMBERSHIP WAS NOT DUE TO ENTHUSIASM BUT A CHANGE FROM OWNER – OPERATORS TO RENTAL – OPERATORS IN SHOPPING VILLAGES SUCH AS WAHROONGA. WE ALSO REALISED THAT PYMBLE WAS NOT REALLY CONVENIENT FOR MANY BUSINESS PEOPLE AND WE WERE IN THE ROTARY CLUB OF KU-RING-GAI'S Paddock. BILL ESTABLISHED A TEAM CONSISTING OF TONY DICKIN, HIMSELF, JOHN THEIL, JIM MEIN, GORDON JOHNSON, LACH

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McCUDDEN AND MYSELF TO LOOK AT THE FUTURE. TONY'S ANALYTICAL MIND AND HIS IDEA OF A BREAKFAST CLUB WAS EXCITING.

ROTARY DISTRICT SAID IT WOULD NEVER WORK – HOWEVER THE D.G. BUSTER PYE EVENTUALLY ENTHUSED AND SUPPORTED OUR IDEA.

MOVING ON—WE WERE THE FIRST CLUB IN THE SOUTH WEST PACIFIC REGION TO DECIDE TO MEET REGULARLY FOR BREAKFAST. IN THOSE DAYS THERE WERE NO COFFEE SHOPS OR FAST FOOD FACILITIES IN THE AREA. AN APPROACH TO WARRAWEE BOWLING CLUB RESULTED IN THEM AGREEING TO EXPERIMENT WITH THE IDEA. THAT WAS 32 YEARS AGO AND WE ARE STILL HERE! OUR FIRST MEETING WAS ON WEDNESDAY THE 5TH OCTOBER 1983. JACK RASHLEIGH AND TOM CHESTER 'BROUGHT THE HOUSE DOWN' BY TURNING UP IN THEIR PAJAMAS. I HAVE A FEELING THAT THE PHOTO OF THEM FINISHED UP IN THE NORTH SHORE TIME.

WELL OUR CLUB HIT THE HEADLINES NOT ONLY ROUND AUSTRALIA, BUT IN NEW ZEALAND AND THE PACIFIC. ROTARIANS FROM THE CENTRAL COAST WORKING IN SYDNEY USED OUR LOCATION AS A MAKEUP ON THE WAY TO WORK AND OUR MEMBERSHIP GREW BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS WITH 6 NEW MEMBERS AND NO RESIGNATIONS IN THE FIRST YEAR. IN THE FIRST YEAR AS A BREAKFAST CLUB WE HAD THE PLEASURE OF WELCOMING VISITING ROTARIANS ON ABOUT 230 OCCASIONS. THIS PUT SOME PRESSURE ON THE BOWLING CLUB AT TIMES BUT THERE WAS ALWAYS AN EXTRA CROISSANT IN THE KITCHEN. IN THOSE DAYS IT WAS AN EXTENDED CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST WITH OF COURSE PORRIDGE IN WINTER.

SO THEY WERE THE EARLY YEARS, EXCITING, ADVENTUROUS AND INVOLVING, SHOWING TRUE CONCERN FOR OTHERS AND SHARING WITH OTHER CLUBS OUR IDEAS AND THE WILL TO 'GIVE IT A GO'. THE CLUB STARTED WITH A STRONG BASE AND I AM SURE THEY WOULD ALL BE PROUD OF OUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF 61. AMONGST OTHER WELL KNOWN PERSONS WE HAVE HAD THE BISHOP OF PARRAMATTA AND THE MODERATOR OF THE UNITING CHURCH AS MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB.

ON THIS NOTE HERE ENDETH THE HISTORY LESSON.

GORDON FULLER P.P. P.H.F.

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PART 2

1983 ONWARDS TOWARDS 2000

Nov. 4th 2015

For those of you who have recently joined our Rotary Club I have left a few copies of our early history on the front table. This was presented on July 29th this year.

With me today I have quite a few of Past President's year books. These have been a great basis of research on the Club's past history and today I will extract 3 or 4 of the most significant events and experiences up to the end of the 20th Century.

1984

- **We supplied and erected a heritage phone box and phone in the Children's play area at the Mercy family Life School, Waitara. (photo)**
- **With Ku-ring-gai Council we planned the new Traffic Island in Wahroonga Village. (photos)**
- **Purchased a special paraplegic design wheelchair for PNG.**

1985

- **Special 1st day envelopes for Abbotsleigh's 100 Anniversary. Our Postmaster member stamped 750 envelopes on the day Funds raised provided a lectern for the new School Assembly Hall. (display)**
- **Ferry trip round Pittwater and picnic at Scotland Island.(photos)**
- **Hands on construction of the Wahroonga Traffic Safety Island (note size of tree) (photo)**

1986

- **Nov. 1985 – Our 10th Anniversary dinner at the 'Brown Musket' Restaurant in Hornsby.**

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- **Camp breakaway site established at San Remo on Lake Budgewoi. Bob Mugden (Turramurra) and I (both Architects) advised on the site and the design of the Amenities block. This resulted from a dream of the Wyong Club.**
- **Our Club Bulletin won the District Award.**

1987

- **We hosted a GSE (Group Study) team from Roorkee India. Sandeep Agrawal, a hydraulics Engineer, as a result, joined Rotary and became the New Delhi District Governor.**
- **We constructed (more like de-constructed) a kit Summer House for the UPA in Wahroonga. Some may remember how not to lay rectangular shingle tiles over a hexagon.**
- **Our earlier RE (Rotary Exchange) student Kumico Myasaka from Japan returned to Sydney as Bridesmaid for another exchange student.**

1988

- **The Bi-Centennial Year. Our whole District took over Dobroyd Point to watch the Tall Ships come through the Heads.**
- **Our Club won the District Barber Shop Quartet competition at the Gosford Conference.- Cheers Rob Ferguson et al.**
- **A fashion parade organised by our ladies raised \$1,100.00 for School Peer Support programs in our area. (photos) By the way my wife Margaret was instrumental in creating the Peer Support program in the early 1970's.**

1989

- **This year witnessed the passing of Dr. Bill Leventhal and the beginning of our close association with the San Hospital.**
- **One of the highlights of the year was David Cooper's 'Four Seasons Outings'.**

**Winter – a cruise on the Hawkesbury
Spring - a picnic at Lane Cove N. P.**

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Summer- a day at Avoca based at Tom Love's holiday home.

Autumn – enjoying the Mt. Wilson colour spectacular.

- The other highlight was the auction of items in the old Sachs (sorry the Sachs old) house and the auction of all the interiors (except for the Billiard table). Our resident Poet Lauriate penned the following at the time. (quote) What a day that was.

1990

- - Column Eight joined the Club. (our Trivia Guru)
- We commenced sales of Christmas cakes and Puddings.
- We visited State parliament, Fort Denison and the Tebbitt Observatory at Windsor (1845) – details on the table.

1991

- In January a mini Cyclone (the sky turned green) devastated the Upper North Shore and Hills district. Major damage was done along the highway, Mona Vale and Pentecost roads. Remember the whole of Cliff Oval stacked high with fallen trees. Our Club was heavily involved in the massive cleanup. This was Martin Forrow's year as president (Insurance Broker)
- This was the year we had our first children's exchange with Gloucester Rotary Club. I well remember the delight of the children seeing the ocean and waves for the first time and the experiences the children from here had on farms in the Country.
- We donated 6 bikes and 6 trikes to St. Lucy's School

1992

- We inducted 5 new members at one breakfast! Only Steve McGregor has lasted the distance.
- We presented a 'missing person' tracking unit to Hornsby Police. I well remember it was used to recover a man who had

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wandered into Ku-ring-gai national Park from Princess Juliana Nursing Home.

- We spawned our third Probus Club.

1993

- The World International Rotary Congress was held in Melbourne. We organised a bus at \$100/head, shared with Lindfield, St. Ives, Brookvale and a Taipei Club to attend, travelling the Princes Highway from Sydney to Eden, Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, Wangaratta and back up the Hume highway to Sydney. Had a slight delay in Eden. We got a short way out of Eden when the partner of one of our mature members found she had left a valuable ring back at the hotel. Our obliging driver turned round, back to the hotel, only to find she had it in her purse all the time! I won't embarrass John Welch by mentioning any names.
- Who will forget the Tunnel walk organised by Rotary under the Harbour, or the storm that washed out the Wahroonga Village Fair (we finished up selling 'steamed sausages).
- Our Club organised the 25th Anniversary of RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) camp at Vision Valley, attended by the then Governor of NSW, Peter Sinclair.

1994

- You will all remember this was the year of the devastating bushfires which stranded vehicles on the Northern Freeway for 3 days. David Cooper organised accommodation at Barker College and our own police member, Jim Cavanaugh, co-ordinated our efforts and those of all emergency services. Our Club was recognised by the Premier for our effort and Jim received a Vocational Excellence Award for his untiring efforts.

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- This was the year when our weekly bulletin was renamed “The Wahroongler” and we erected a notice board in the Wahroonga Village.
- With Brian Freeman’s help we arranged for \$20,000’s worth of dental equipment to be sent to Ghana.

1995

- The theme for this year was ‘Be a Friend’. We bonded an amazing friendship with Mongolia through our member Philip Hinton with 8 weeks of support for Hishigzol, the very young daughter of a Mongolian policeman and his family. With Dr. Alan Gale’s help from the San we brought Hishigzol to Sydney with her father Akba for open heart surgery. Eventual success resulted in our Club organising a dinner at St. Ives. With Telstra’s help we organised a telephone link up with the Charter night for the Ulaanbatar Rotary Club. Akba sang a lovesong to his wife – this was very emotional and there was not a dry eye in the place.
- Fund raising for the year exceeds \$55,000
- A very successful Christmas party was held at the Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden, complete with an enormous Goanna.

1996

- We accepted our first two ladies into the Club, being Janet Grundy and Judith Kaine.
- A ‘Care for Kids’ concert we organised at the Willoughby Civic Centre raised \$11,250 for the Rotary wing and equipment at the Westmead Childrens Hospital. (brochure)
- A Music Hall concert with Melodies and Melodrama in appropriate dress was held at St. Ive’s (anyone remember the ‘Fairy who’s Forty’) and the two Public Guardians ?

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1997

- Consolidation of ties with Mongolia with a medical team led by Alan Gale, Bob Quodling, Brian and Rosemary Freeman.
- Our Club ran the District Assembly at the Bathurst Police Academy under the baton of David Cooper and a competent IT team.
- Steve McGregor ran a motivational workshop for the 'over 55's' and we issued an information package to all Schools in our area covering all the Rotary Youth programs on offer.

1998

- We had a membership of 57 and an average attendance of 80% - our average is now in the low 60% - we need to work on this!
- Funds raised to bring a Cardio-Thoracic team to Sydney from Mongolia to attend the Cardio-Thoracic International Conference.
- Our Open Heart Mongolian project recognised as a District activity.
- Visit to the Baha'I Temple to hear our own Philip Hinton present his play 'Portals of Freedom'.

1999

- We hosted a group from Gerrard's Cross Rotary Club in England with a memorable trip on the 'Bounty'.
- We were presented with the District Award for 'Best all round Club' from among 67 Clubs.
- The Club collected 24 beds from Chatswood Hospital, transported by large truck to Prospect where they were shipped to Vietnam.
- Bowls day at Warrawee a great success.

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2000

- Support for the Richard Geddes Rotunda in the Park to commemorate his death. Our Club raised funds under the motivation of Bob Howe to get design and approval, and use the building for many functions including Australia day and Concerts in the Park.
- 'Paint your heart out' got rid of graffiti and tidies up many areas in the Wahroonga Village.
- Continued support for the 'Didi's Childrens Centre' in Mongolia which now has grown to over 300 children with the first graduates honoured this year.

So we only have the next 15 years to cover. To gather this information together we will have to dig into IT technology as a lot of information is locked into members' computers and requires a greater effort to research. George has the photo record and the Wahroongler but the human stories and highlights need to be gathered.

Here endeth the 2nd Part.

Gordon Fuller
Club Historian

