

ROTARY CLUB OF BRIGHT

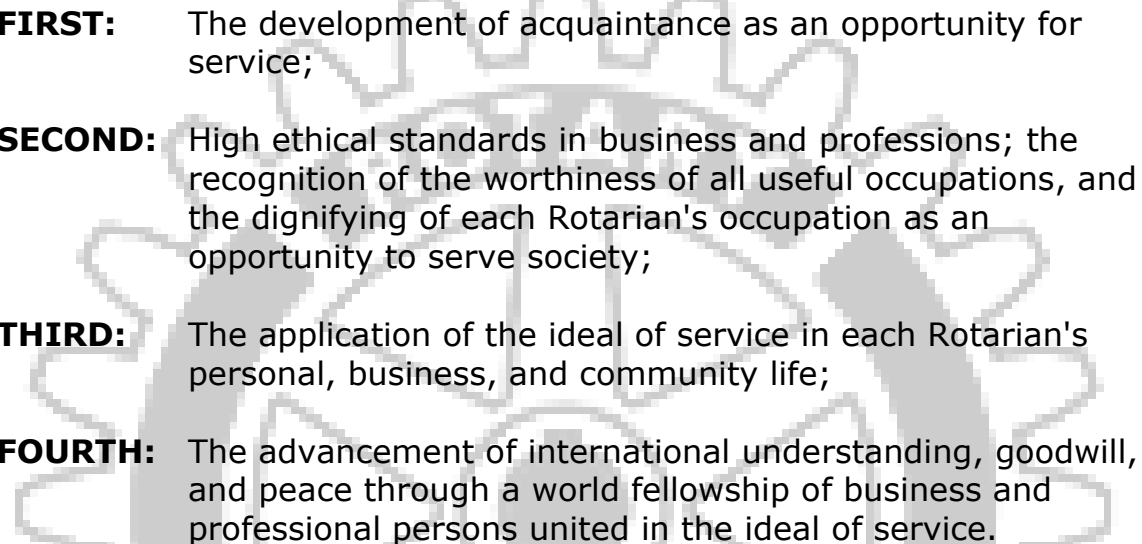


A Celebration of 50 years

Charter Night April 4th, 1959

OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

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- FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

THE FOUR WAY TEST

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

ROTARY GRACE

FOR GOOD FOOD, FOR GOOD FELLOWSHIP AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO
SERVE IN ROTARY, WE GIVE THANKS.



Rotary Club of Bright Members February 2009

Rotarian		PP	PHF	PDG
Allen	David(Anne)	PP		
Basham **	Dick(Kate)	PP	PHF	
Borschmann	Ray (Ann)	PP		
Brown	Michelle(Glen)			
Chalwell	Michelle (Bill)			
Clarke	Kevin(Nola)			
Cocks	Graham	PP		
Coghlan	Barry(Ailsa)	PP	PHF	
Craig	Ian(Denica)			
Dalbosco	Sid(Elizabeth)	PP	PHF	SP
Edwards	Brian(Petula)			
Farrington	John(Jean)			
Hall	Geoff(Mary)	PP		
Hall	Elizabeth(Richard)	PP		
Hargreaves	Stuart(Cynthia)	PP	PHF	
Hart	Ken(Catherine)			
Humphrey **	Charles		PHF	
Johns	Trish(Colin)			
Kilpatrick	Bruce(Gail)		PHF	
Kool	Ron(Jan)			
Lewis	Syd(Faye)	PP	PHF	PDG
Manning	Sue(John)			
McDonald *	Bruce(Helen)	PP	PHF	
McGibbon	Russell(Shirley)			
McNaught	Fraser(Jenny)	PP	PHF	
Moore	Rob(Shaaron)		PHF	
O'Shea	Patrick(Elaine)	PP	PHF	
O'Sullivan	Michael(Athalie)			
Peacock	Jack(Dawn)		PHF	
Sibley *	Ron(June)	PP	PHF	PDG SP
Tually	Ela(Geoff)			
Tually *	Geoff(Ela)		PHF	PDG
Walker	Tracy(Daniel)		PHF	

Excused from Attendance *
Honorary Member **

PDG Past District Governor
AG Assistant Governor
PHF Paul Harris Fellow
PP Past President
SP Sapphire Pin



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Beautiful Bright

Located on the beautiful Ovens River and nestled in the valley below Mount Buffalo, the township of Bright is one of Victoria's most attractive tourist destinations. Each year in autumn, the deciduous trees in the town and surrounding countryside put on a breathtaking display of colour. This legacy of the original pioneers who planted the avenues of elms, chestnuts, poplars and scarlet oaks has been enhanced by the gardens of local residents that contribute to Bright's autumn splendour.

At any time of the year you can explore the town's many historic buildings and sites, which pay homage to the region's bustling gold rush beginnings. Close to the Alpine National Park and within a short drive of the snowfields of Falls Creek, Mt Hotham and Mount Buffalo, Bright also offers a range of outdoor activities to entertain visitors all year round.

The wealth of food and wine in the Alpine Valleys is also fast becoming one of the town's most popular attractions with world-class wineries, stunning produce, award-winning restaurants and a casual café culture to choose from.

H o w i t a l l b e g a n

The Beginning -

Paul Harris a Chicago Solicitor was the founder of Rotary in 1905. The Rotary Club of Chicago was formed that year with 30 members and by 1910 there was 16 clubs dotted across U.S.A. Rotary became International when the Rotary Club of Winnipeg in Canada was formed in 1911.

Today there are over 1,200,000 Rotarians belonging to over 33,000 Clubs in over 200 countries around the world.

In the North East of Victoria, the Rotary Club of Wangaratta was chartered in 1940.

Wangaratta sponsored the Myrtleford Club which was chartered in 1954.
Myrtleford sponsored the Bright Club which was chartered in 1959.
Bright sponsored the Mt Beauty Club which was chartered in 1985.

October 29, 1958 – A Provisional Rotary Club

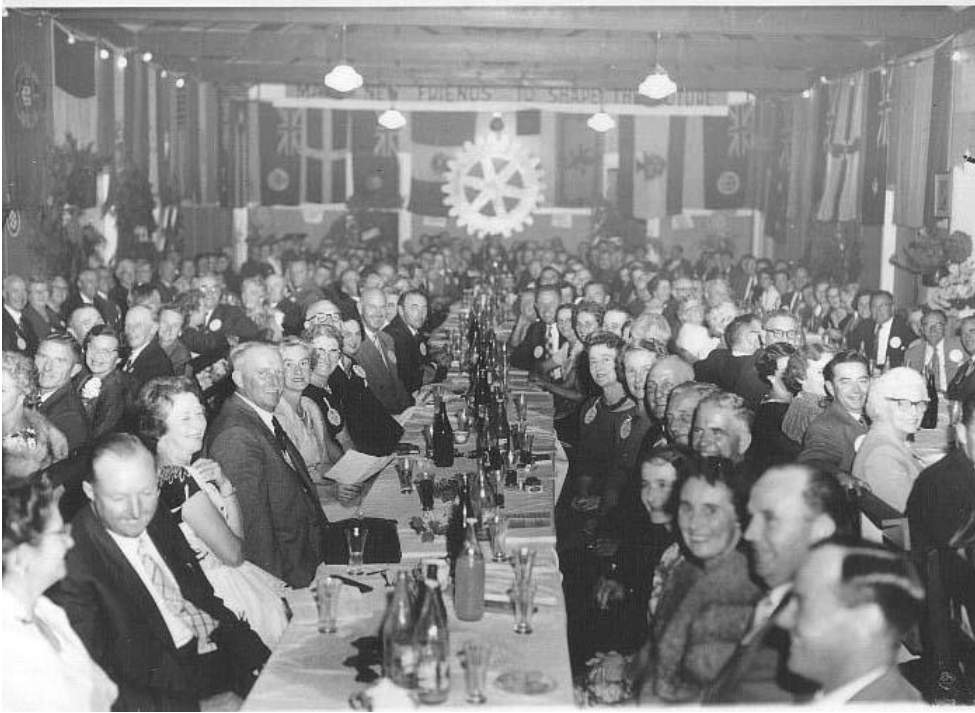
A meeting convened by the District Governor's Special Representative, Rotarian Les Milbourne of the Rotary Club of Myrtleford was held at Bright on October 29, 1958 to decide if Bright would have a Rotary Club.

Following an address on Rotary, discussion and questions, it was unanimously agreed that a Rotary Club be formed in Bright.
Howard Haymes was elected as President, Frank Bolitho, Ron Sibley and Bill King were elected as Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively, and Rob Showers, Dick Hammer and Stuart Bartell were elected as Directors.

The Rotary International Constitution was adopted; it was decided that the territorial radius for the Club be nine miles from Bright; admittance fees and subscriptions were set at five pounds five shillings; and it was agreed that no new members be inducted for twelve months.

Then in November 1958 District Governor Joe Bradbury attended a meeting with the Club's twenty five members and confirmed the aims of the Club in the four Avenues of Service, and the importance of attendance and adherence to the rules of Rotary.

Rotary International granted the Rotary Club of Bright its charter on 10 January 1959.



The Hall was transformed to a "Rotary environment" and the tables and catering was arranged by the Church of England Ladies Guild.

ROTARY CLUB OF BRIGHT CHARTER NIGHT – APRIL 4, 1959

The Club's Charter Night held at the RSL Hall was attended by over 250 Rotarians, their wives and guests from Bright and other Clubs from within the District.

CHARTER MEMBERS:

ALOIZOS, G. (*George*)
 BARTEL, E.S. (*Stewart*)
 BARTLETT, A.W. (*Bill*)
 BOLITHO, S.F. (*Frank*)
 BROWN, F.G. (*George*)
 BUTLER, R.F. (*Reg*)
 COTTRELL, J.M. (*Jack*)
 DICKENS, P.K. (*Pat*)
 ERRINGTON, T.W. (*Tom*)
 GAY, R.S. (*Bob*)
 HAMMER, H.H. (*Dick*)
 HARGREAVES, H. (*Harry*)
 HAYMES, H.G. (*Howard*)
 HOY, E.A. (*Ted*)
 HUGGINS, R.G. (*George*)
 JINETTE, S.W. (*Stan*)
 KING, W.B. (*Bill*)
 MASCIORINI, A.J. (*Jack*)
 SHOWERS, R.A. (*Rob*)
 SIBLEY, R.G. (*Ron*)
 STAFF, N. (*Norm*)
 WALKER, C.T. (*Chris*)
 WESTON, A.A. (*Alf*)
 WILSON, P.A. (*Perce*)

Hotel Resorts and Restaurants - Restaurants
Beverages Alcoholic—Alcoholic Beverages Retailing
Wood Industry—Softwood Milling
Wood Industry—Softwood Milling
Confectionery—Retailing
Hardware Retailing—Hardware
Finance—Bank - Trading
Electrical Services—Radio Sales and Service
Food Industry—Groceries—Retailing
Animal Husbandry—Fat Lamb Raising
Dry Goods ,General Merchandise—Drapery Retailer
Refined Oil Products—Retailing
Government—Municipal Secretarial Services
Transportation—Bus Services
Wood Industry— Tree Felling
Electric Light and Power
Finance—Banking—Savings
Clothing Industry—Men's Clothing—Retailing
Automobile Industry—Automobile—Retailing
Government—Municipal Engineering Service
Animal Husbandry—Cattle Raising
Fruit and Vegetables—Retailing
Meat Products—Meat—Retailing
Hotels Resorts and Restaurants—Resorts—Holiday Flats

First Australian President of Rotary International



*District Governor, Angus Mitchell (later Sir Angus) and
Rotary's Founder, Paul Harris*

Sir Angus Mitchell (1884-1961) retired from a successful grain broking business in 1936 to give his whole attention to two abiding concerns—goodwill and understanding among the people of the world, and the welfare of youth. He found in Rotary, as an international organization offering friendship and service, an opportunity to further these aims. President of Rotary International in 1948-49 he was the first Australian to hold this office.

Induction of members
Charter Night at the
RSL

Standing right
President Howard
Haymes



Letter received from Past World President Angus Mitchell

Angus S. Mitchell
FORMER PAST PRESIDENT (1948-49)
Rotary International

Hotel Windsor, Spring Street
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

April 23rd 1959

Dear Ron — Many thanks for your note of 17th & copy of Bright newspaper, to hand yesterday. It was indeed a pleasure to read the report of your Charter night & particularly the headline "Bright becomes a Rotary Town". This will have great significance as the year pass. Sorry that I wasn't with you all on that important occasion, but as I think I told you, had to be in Sydney that week-end.

Warmest regards to President Howard, your good self & your members.

Sincerely

Angus

Mr. Ronald G. Sibley
Hon Sec. Rotary Club of Bright
Hawthorn Lane
Bright, Vict.



VENUE	YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	M'SHIP	DISTRICT GOVERNOR
Victoria Theatre					
District 280	1958/59	Howard Haymes	Ron Sibley	Provisional	Joe Bradbury
Elm Lodge	1959/60	Howard Haymes	Ron Sibley	25	Horrace Bedgood
	1960/61	Ron Sibley	Patrick Dickens	26	Ernie McCann
	1961/62	Rob Showers	Stan Jinette	28	Roy Nicholls
	1962/63	Patrick Dickens	Bill Bartlett	27	Ern Granger
	1963/64	Jack Cottrell	Bill Bartlett	29	Ern Oliver
	1964/65	Bill Bartlett	Chris Walker	31	Len Greenwood
	1965/66	Jack Wallace	Tom Errington	32	Stan Sullivan
	1966/67	Perc Wilson	Ritchie Walker	32	Vic French
Pinewood	1967/68	Tom Errington	Cliff Exelby	34	Barton Hack
	1968/69	Frank Bolitho	Rob Hepburn	39	Kel Carr
	1969/70	Cliff Exelby	Don Hughes	39	Royce Abbey
	1970/71	George Aloizos	Cyril Shuey	40	Geoff Stevens
	1971/72	Rob Hepburn	Colin McGill	42	Bill Purtel
	1972/73	Alex Campbell	Ian Wallace	39	Alex Rugg
	1973/74	Geoff Treloar	Frank McHardy	43	Doug Delarue
	1974/75	Colin McGill	Les Stow	43	Jack Crockett
	1975/76	Ian Wallace	Derrick Rolland	41	Frank Ruler
	1976/77	Les Stow	Sid Dalbosco	41	Keppell Turnour
	1977/78	Mick Clarke	Stan Bradley	40	Norm Curtis
	1978/79	George Huggins	Graeme Clough	37	Eric Van Leeuwen
	1979/80	Herb Schmidtke	Dave Roberts	26	Jim Nicholas
	1980/81	Graeme Clough	Ray Fleming	19	Tom Tehan
	1981/82	Ray Fleming	Dave Roberts	23	Alan Stewart
	1982/83	Ron Talbot	Eric Turland	21	Merv Johnson
	1983/84	Bill Young	Ray Fleming	23	Andrew Rutkowski
	1984/85	Barry Coghlan	Ray Fleming	26	Lyons Kerans
	1985/86	Milton Green	Ray Fleming	28	Michael Reiner
	1986/87	Jim Anton	Ray Fleming	30	Leo Gorman
	1987/88	Ron Sibley	Ray Fleming	31	Max Suter
High Country	1988/89	Malcolm Sharp	Ian Richardson	35	Brian Bowen
	1989/90	Max Marker	Ray Fleming	31	Ron Sibley
	1990/91	John Harris	Fraser McNaught	37	Maurice Denson
	1991/92	Ron Norley	Dick Basham	38	Gordon Milne
District 9790	1992/93	David Allen	Jim Martin	39	Ron Pearce
	1993/94	Graham Cocks	Ian Crozier	39	Roland Laurance
	1994/95	Gary Spiers	Ray Fleming	39	Neville Cann
	1995/96	Patrick Dickens	Stuart Hargreaves	41	Don Haberecht
	1996/97	Arthur Mayne	Gary Spiers	38	Graeme Beck
	1997/98	John Lonergan	Dick Basham	38	Geoff McIlvenna
	1998/99	Dick Basham	Graham Cocks	37	Neville Miles
Bright Chalet	1999/2000	Stuart Hargreaves	David Allen	33	Terry Grant
	2000/01	Sid Dalbosco	Ron Devereux	37	Don Cox
	2001/02	Fraser McNaught	Ron Devereux	37	Syd Lewis
	2002/03	Bruce McDonald	Simon Desborough	33	Neville Miles
	2003/04	Ron Devereux	Elizabeth Hall	32	Bill Holmes
	2004/05	Patrick O'Shea	Barry Coghlan	27	Mani Senevirante
	2005/06	Geoff Hall	Bruce McDonald	30	David Yap
	2006/07	Elizabeth Hall	Bruce McDonald	36	Clive Walker
	2007/08	Ray Borschmann	David Allen	32	Rob Lloyd
	2008/09	Fraser McNaught	David Allen	32	Peter Gilbert

Introducing Our Presidents and Themes for the years

1958/ 1960 – President Howard Haymes



“Help Shape the Future” “Vitalize! Personalize!”
“Build Bridges of Friendship”

Rotarian Les Milbourne President of the Rotary Club of Myrtleford inducted Howard Haymes as President of the Rotary Club of Bright.

He was to be President from 1958 to 1960.

The aims of the Club in its inaugural year were to bond the members as a team through fellowship, to ascertain the community needs, and to learn about Rotary.

The leadership and guidance from the President put the Club on a firm foundation. Major project for this year was the internal painting of the Bright Bush Nursing Hospital.

1960/61 – President Ron Sibley



“You are Rotary – Live It! Express It! Expand It!”

The main project for the year, improvements to the Bright Swimming Pool cost two hundred and fifty pounds. Work included erection of a safety and starting platform, steps into the river, slides, and removal of snags and obstacles from the river.

Other projects were, the first Flower Show, which later became an annual event; hosting seven Exchange Students during the spring vacation; and a donation was made to the Spastic Children’s Society.

Average attendance was 92%.

First
Flower
Show



1961/62 – President Rob Showers

***“Act. Aim for Action. Communicate for Understanding.
Test for Leadership.”***



The Club sponsored its first outbound Exchange Student, Brenda Showers to Buffalo, Wyoming, where she felt comfortable in a similar environment to Bright.

A successful Flower Show provided funds to beautify Centenary Park as a tourist attraction and to build the Memorial Cairn; and a donation was again made to the Spastic Children’s Society.

1962/63 – President Patrick Dickens

“Kindle the Spark Within”

The main project was assisting with fund raising for the building of the Bright Youth Club Hall. Proceeds from the Flower Show of one hundred and ten pounds were donated to the project.

Sixteen children from Bright were hosted by the Rotary Club of Frankston during the summer vacation, and the Rotary Club of Bright reciprocated by hosting children from Frankston during the spring vacation. A Cabaret Ball was held during the Autumn Festival.

The Club was saddened by the death of Charter Member Harry Hargreaves.



‘At the Flower Show’

Perc & Stella

Jenny & Jim Wilson

1963/64- President Jack Cottrell



“Meeting Rotary’s Challenge in the Space Age”

The Club provided fifteen street seats in Bright, Wandiligong, Harrierville, and Porepunkah with funds raised from the Annual Flower Show.

The first Senior Citizens Picnic, which also became an annual event, was held at Harrierville with sixty citizens in attendance.

The Club hosted three Exchange Students from the Philippines and one from India during the spring vacation; the Club assisted in the formation of the Apex Club of Bright which was chartered in May; the Club assisted with the erection of fencing

and gates at the Buckland Cemetery; and tree ferns were planted along Baker’s Gully Creek near Gavan Street.

Overall, one thousand, one hundred and thirty two pounds was raised and distributed to the community and specific charities.

The Rotary Clubs of Bright, and Myrtleford, held an attendance competition which Myrtleford narrowly won with 98.3%.

1964/65- President Bill Bartlett



“Live Rotary”

One of the main projects was to assist the Bright Hospital to furnish the new Nurses’ Home and a donation of one hundred and twenty pounds was made.

The Annual Flower Show was again a great success with many entries and raised one hundred and thirty six pounds; the Annual Senior Citizens Picnic was well attended; and the Club was active in helping a number of local clubs.

Eleven members and their wives attended the District Conference and presented a concert at the Conference. Unfortunately attendance fell to 94. 5%!

‘At the Flower Show’

The Judges!

Featuring
Cliff Exelby & Bill Bartlett
(left to right)



Memories

'Charter night'

Standing extreme right
Patrick Dickens
(Bright)
and
Ernie Shears (Myrtleford)
conducting 'first' fine
session!



'Our chefs'

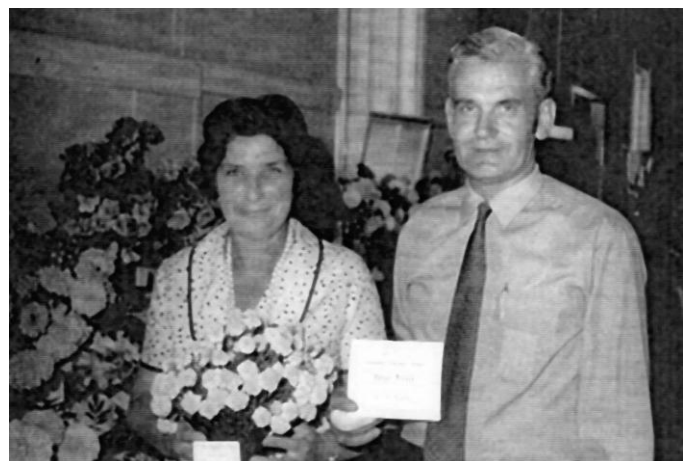
Patrick Dickens
And
Jack Walker at the cake stall

'At the Flower Show'

Don & Lilliann Hughes



Proud winners



1965/66– President Jack Wallace

“Action, Consolidation and Continuity”



The Club began a two year project to plant ten acres of pine plantation to assist the Bright Park Trust, and arranged a visit from Lyn Mosher an Exchange Student from Denver, Colorado who was hosted by the Rotary Club of Benalla.

A “Train of Knowledge” trip to Melbourne for Bright Higher Elementary students provided an educational experience and career advice; the Annual Flower Show was again a great success raising \$276; a paper drive was held in conjunction with Scouts and Guides; and a raffle raised funds for the Autumn Festival.

The Club again presented a concert at the Annual Conference.

1966/67– President Perc Wilson

“A Better World Through Rotary”



The Club hosted its first inbound exchange student, Joy Dizon, from the Philippines, who later returned to Australia to complete her nursing training in Darwin.

The Club completed the planting of 20 acres of pines to provide longer term financial support for the Bright Park Trust; the Annual Flower Show received many beautiful entries and raised \$330; and the Annual Senior Citizens Picnic was again held.

1967/68– President Tom Errington

“Make Your Rotary Membership Effective”

The Club hosted the Country Section of the District Assembly which was attended by one hundred and ten Rotarians, and hosted a Group Study team from District 330, USA.

Overall \$1,150 was donated to the community and worthy charities, including, the Bright Bush Nursing Hospital, and the Scouts and Guides Building Fund.

A scrap iron drive collected plenty of scrap metal; and once again, the Annual Flower Show was a great success, well attended by many people.

The Club’s meeting venue changed from Elm Lodge to the Pinewood Hotel. An Easter barbeque provided good fellowship for Rotarians and their families.



1968/69– President Frank Bolitho

“Participate”

The Club’s Exchange Student, Yvonne Ward was hosted in the Philippines.

Picnic tables were purchased for the Porepunkah, Wandiligong, and Harrierville picnic reserves, and working bees at the Bright and Buckland Cemeteries resulted in improvement of the appearances of both cemeteries.

The Annual Flower Show raised \$400, and a barbecue during Autumn Festival raised \$59.



Donations were made to the Bright Kindergarten, Spastic Society, and numerous other organizations.

The Club won the attendance competition for North-Eastern District with an average attendance of 98%.

1969/70 – President Cliff Exelby

“Review and Renew”



A Group Study Team from Iowa and Nebraska were guests of the Club for a weekend.

The Bright Bush Nursing Hospital was the main project. The Club painted the Hospital and made a donation of \$600 to it to buy new equipment.

The Club made a donation to Bright’s Miss Victoria entrant; Mary Solly; the Annual Flower Show raised \$431; and the Senior Citizens Picnic was again held at Harrierville.



1970/71 – President George Abizos

“Bridge the Gaps”

The Club arranged its first International Night which was attended by 1,400 people, and obviously, was a great success.

Two Exchange Students, Carol Stewart and Lynne Woinarski, were hosted in the Philippines, and the Club hosted Carrisse Echaus a student from the Philippines.

Local students were taken on a tour of Albury and district; and the Club built the fence and entrance to the Bright Cemetery.

The Annual Flower Show raised \$420 and donations were made to the Senior Citizens Building Fund, and a number of organizations.

Some of Our International Nights



Wives of our Rotarians

*Dancing around the
'Maypole'*

*Instructed by
Meta Schmidtko
and
Anne Allen*





‘At the Flower Show’

Our vegetables

*George Aloizos with the heaviest pumpkin
at the show*

Now that’s a pumpkin!



1971/72 – President Rob Hepburn

“Good Will Begins With You”



The main project was the purchase of a new x-ray machine for the Bright Bush Nursing Hospital. Proceeds of \$1,700 from the Rotary Ball and a popular couple contest were allocated to this project.

The International Night was again a great success with over 1,500 people in attendance and \$1,523 was raised. Christine Hall was the Club’s Exchange Student to the Philippines, and the Club hosted Midori Ueno, from Japan.

Following an extensive survey of activities for young people in Bright, assistance was provided by the Club, and two Youth Club leaders were sponsored to RYLA.

A feasibility study was carried out for the establishment of a swimming pool.

A total of \$3,330 was raised and donations were made to Local Schools, Porepunkah Cricket Pavilion, Bright Youth Club, Bright Football Club, Bright Park Trust, and to people and charities in the district.

The Club was saddened by the death of Rotarian Frank Brown.

1972/73 – President Alex Campbell

“Let’s Take A Look And Act”



The Club sponsored two Exchange Students, Joy Riordan to Chiang Mai, Thailand, and Carol Johnstone to Whitehorse, YT, Canada, and hosted student Owart Sakarin from Thailand.

A drug seminar was held and representatives of various clubs and organizations attended. Doctor Rouch from the Melbourne Health Department made an interesting presentation on drugs and alcoholism.

The International Night was again very popular and raised \$615, and the Annual Flower Show raised \$501.

Altogether \$2,398 was dispersed including, Bright Youth Club, Bright Sound Shell, St Johns Ambulance, Bright Park Trust, Bright Football Club, Bright Cricket Club, Spastic Children’s Society, Bright Higher Elementary School scholarship, and numerous other donations.

1973/74 – President Geoff Treloar

“A Time for Action.”



The Club celebrated its fifteenth birthday and reflected on its achievements since inception.

The Club responded to the District Governor’s appeal for financial assistance to build an Outpatient’s Clinic at the Madang Hospital, and Rotarian Mick and Dot Clarke joined the F.A.I.M. working party.

A Group Study Team from District 600 and 603, USA, visited Bright; and Kay Robinson was sponsored to attend RYLA.

The Rotary Club of Essendon’s Train of Knowledge with 95 twelve year old children visited Bright; and students from the Bright Higher Elementary School made a bus trip to Albury/Wodonga and visited various industries.

The fourth annual International Night provided goodwill and friendship, and raised \$453; the Senior Citizens Picnic was held at Mount Beauty; the Annual Flower Show raised \$310; and scrap metal sales were very profitable for the Club.

An initial donation of \$500 was made towards the Fire Brigade Track, and other donations included the Queensland Flood Appeal, and to the Porepunkah School Library.

The Club was saddened by the death of Rotarian Ritchie Walker.

1974/75 – President Colin McGill

“Renew the Spirit of Rotary”



Projects – Three main projects were the highlights of the year: At the annual International Night ethnic groups provided professional entertainment, and \$832 was raised; the Annual Flower Show was as usual a great success with many entries, and raised \$337; and there was a large attendance at the Rotary Ball which raised \$332.

Membership – Sadly, the Club’s Charter President, Howard Haymes, who had resigned due to ill health, passed away in July 1974.

1975/76 – President Ian Wallace

“To Dignify the Human Being”



The Club donated \$500 towards a new lawn cemetery at Bright.

Swimming lessons were given to eight to ten year olds over an eight week period; and the Bright Higher Elementary students toured Wangaratta Technical School and Bruck Mills.

Annual events, the International Night and Annual Flower Show, were successfully held and raised \$1067, and the Rotary Ball raised \$183 to purchase jumpers for the Bright Junior Football Club.

The spinning wheel, lucky envelopes, pet show and monster raffle were all good sources of funds for the Club.

A total of \$4,160 was donated by the Club including donations to the Bright Hospital, Porepunkah Hall, Park Trust (toilet block), Bright Fire Brigade (track), to Miss Victoria Entrant, Ourania Aloizos, for the Spastic Children’s Society, to a Bangladesh Village (drinking water well), and to an International project in Thailand to assist in creating grazing land. .

The Club enjoyed a fellowship weekend with visitors from the Rotary Club of Keilor, and a social day and cricket match at Stanley with neighbouring Rotary Clubs.

The Club was saddened by the deaths of two of the Club’s Charter members during the year, Past President George Aloizos and Past President Perc Wilson.

1976/77 – President Les Stow



The highlight of the year was the Chartering of the Bright Rotaract Club.

Office bearers for the club were Gillian Dickens President, Ourania Aloizos Secretary, Nick Aloizos Treasurer, and Dean Emmerson Vice President.

The Club hosted its first Exchange Student from Malaysia, Chem Siew Ling; and Bruce Lumsden attended RYLA.

The Club held a dinner meeting with prisoners at the Beechworth Training Prison.

Again a successful Flower Show which raised \$600 was held, in conjunction with a Pet Show arranged by the Rotaract Club, and children from local Primary schools who participated in an Art Show. The International Night, which was attended by many visitors, raised \$1,623.

Eight acres of vegetables were grown by the Club on Vic Tomassoni's land on the Buckland River raising \$700.

Donations to community and charities totalled \$3,517 included, Bright Bush Nursing Hospital, and the Rotaract Medical Centre at Dacca.

1977/78 – President Mick Clarke



“Serve to Unite Mankind”

An Air Pageant was held at the Buckland Valley Air Strip; and the market garden which raised \$1,609, was the most successful fund raiser for the year.

The Club hosted Exchange Student, Catherine Fong, from Malaysia; a tour of Albury/Wodonga industries was arranged for the Bright Higher Elementary students; and twenty children attended a Father and Son/Daughter night.

Working bees were held at the Bright and Lower Buckland cemeteries; a large number of Senior Citizens attended the Annual Picnic at Dingo Dell, Mount Buffalo; the eighth annual International Night, and the Annual Flower Show were both huge successes and raised \$1,175.

Donations of \$2,704 included Bright Cemetery Trust (lawn section), Bright Scouts, Bright Youth Club, the Duncombe Appeal, Bangladesh (medical), leprosy research, and other donations to community and charities.

The Club entertained members from the Rotary Club of Belgrave, and a return visit was made to the Rotary Club of Box Hill.

1978/79 – President George Huggins



“Reach Out”

The 20th Anniversary of the Club was also attended by the Group Study team from the Netherlands. The Combined Services Clubs dinner was attended by members of various clubs.

The market garden raised \$1,676 with produce sold at a number of street stalls in conjunction with operation of the spinning wheel and lucky envelopes, and the Club assisted in raising \$700 for the Heart Foundation.

Two debates were held involving Bright Higher Elementary School.

Annual events, the International Night, Flower Show, the Senior Citizens Picnic, and the cemeteries working bees were again held, and a float was decorated for the Gala Day parade.

Donations, totalled \$2,070 included Porepunkah Hall Appeal, New Hospital Appeal, Mittagundi, World Vision, and 3H Program.



1979/80 – President Herb Schmidtke

A highlight was the combined luncheon for the ladies of local Service Clubs for the International Year of the Child which raised \$1,100 for the Bright Bush Nursing Hospital and the Bright Elementary School.

Other highlights were the twenty first birthday of the Club; and the Student Work Experience Program.

An Honour Board listing respective Presidents and Secretaries of the Club was presented to the Club by the District Governor’s Representative, Rotarian Charles Mason, and the Club’s history was presented by Joanne Clough.

The Rotary Garden was transferred to land owned by Rotarian Stuart Hargreaves and raised \$1,284; a raffle raised \$1,400; and a wine and cheese tasting, and a dinner dance raised \$1200.

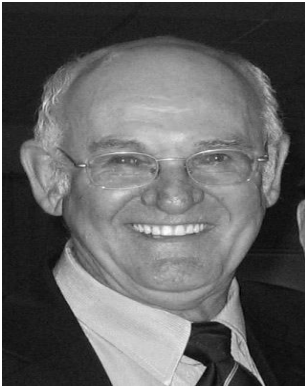
Students from Bright Higher Elementary School participated in the schools debate, and Bright students made a vocational excursion to Wangaratta.

The International Night and the Flower and Pet Show were held for the last time. A popular evening mannequin parade was added to the Flower and Pet Show.

Projects – Donations, totalled \$1,113, included Bright Cricket Club (practice net), Bright Hospital Appeal, and Spastic Appeal.

1980/81- President Graeme Clough

“Take Time to Service”



The Club received a visit from the Group Study team from District 985, USA; Past President Ron Sibley was chosen as Rotaract Team Leader for a tour to Japan, the following year Rotaracter Theresa Grimes was a member of the Team.

Work commenced on Rotary Park at the top of Ireland Street. The Club contributed \$600 towards shares to help fund a co-operative at the Bright Higher Elementary School, and students from the school participated in work experience week in conjunction with the Rotary Club of North Heidelberg.

The Senior Citizens Picnic was held at Carboor and was an enjoyable and entertaining day for everyone who attended; a combined meeting of Service Club representatives was held to discuss co-ordination of projects; and the Club responded to requests to host a deserving family.

Major fund raisers were the TV Raffle \$2,209, and the Rotary Garden \$1,071, and the spinning wheel and lucky envelopes raised funds for the Hospital.

Donations, totalled \$1,680 included Porepunkah Cricket Club (practise net), and Porepunkah School.

1981/82- President Ray Fleming

“World Understanding and Peace”



A progressive dinner was a memorable occasion and a pleasant change from formal events.

The Club sponsored Rob Jenvey to RYLA, Bernadette Dalbosco in the Miss Autumn Festival, and two youths in a work study program.

The Rotary Garden, and Spinning Wheel and Lucky Envelopes, were again good fund raisers.

Donations, totalled \$4,676 included Eurobin Tennis Club, Bright Bush Nursing Hospital and New Hospital Appeal, Lawn

Cemetery, Bright Day Care Centre, Porepunkah Primary School, Harrierville Progress Association, medical care for children in India, and support for Maria Aloizos an entrant in the Miss Australia Quest..

The passing of Charter member and Past President Jack Wallace was a sad and great loss to the Club.

1982/83- President Ron Talbot



“Mankind is One-Build Bridges of Friendship Throughout the World”

The Club’s nomination for the Group Study Team, Rotaract President Gary Morgan, was successful to study in District 318, India. This was the first time a nomination from the Club had been successful.

The Club hosted Exchange Student Gustavo Perez Tejada, from Mexico

The Club was represented on a Committee which successfully had land at Bright transferred to the North Eastern Ambulance Service.

The Club’s major project for the year was the erection of the Water Slide which was operational after Christmas and raised \$18,345.

Sid Dalbosco commenced to make donations from his water divining work to the Club for purchases of medical equipment for the Bright Hospital.

The Club won the bulletin award at the District Conference; a caravan was purchased for use in the Bright community; and mock interviews were conducted for students at Bright Higher Elementary school.

The strong liaison between the Club and the Rotaract Club of Bright continued; the combined services club night was restored and was a great success; and the Club visited Kiama and the Rotary Club of Kiama made a reciprocal visit to Bright.

Donations included the annual contribution to Rotary Foundation, the Bright Bush Nursing Hospital; Interplast, and Rotary Bushfire Appeal.

Sadly Past President Rob Showers died during the year.



*President Ron
Talbot
and
DG Mervyn
Johnson
opening the
‘Rotary Club of
Bright
Waterslide’*

1983/84- President Bill Young

"Share Rotary – Serve People"



The Club celebrated its 25th Anniversary; donated \$1,000 to the Bright Hospital, and a further \$2,700 for a Life Pack Machine; sponsored the formation of a Public Hall Committee to raise funds for hall construction; and the Club progressed site works at the water slide.

Rotaract President, Maria Aloizos, and Phil Norman, attended RYLA; and Maria addressed 800 delegates at District Conference; Exchange Student Tracy Hind departed to Ukiah, California; and the Club's entrant in the Miss Autumn Festival, Tina Duel became Miss Autumn Festival Queen 1984.

The Rotary/Rotaract football team soundly defeated the Lions/Apex team in September!

The Club contributed \$400 to International projects, made its annual contributions to Rotary Foundation and ARHRF, and donated funds to the Lawn Cemetery.

1984/85- President Barry Coghlan

"Discover a New World of Service"

The Club was fully involved in catering for the firefighters during the bushfires.

Ron Sibley was appointed District Governors Area Representative, and Special Representative for the formation of the Rotary Club of Mount Beauty.



The Club hosted Student Exchange Cy Miller from Ukiah, USA.

The Rotaract Club's operation was strengthened and capably led by President, Phil Norman.

Club members and community members provided mock job interviews for Bright Higher Elementary students.

The Club made payments on the water slide loan and costs of \$6,700, and income from the slide provided the majority of funds for projects totalling \$8,600 included completion of fitting out of the caravan, Shire Flag Pole, Bright Entertainment Centre, ARHRF, Scout Group, Youth Club, Bright Hospital, Sound Shell, and other donations.

1985/86 – President Milton Green



“Your Are the Key”

The Club assisted with the Charter of the Rotary Club of Mount Beauty which was Chartered in November 1985.

The loan for the water slide was finalized after four years of operation, and had allocated \$14,000 to community and charities during that time.

The Club’s Exchange Student, Karen McGillivray, was hosted in USA; and a GSE Team from Denmark visited.

The Club put a lot of effort into a successful New Year’s Eve Committee; 5,000 pines were planted in nine acres of the old tip site; the Club won the “Most Outstanding Float” at the Gala Day parade; and mock interviews were undertaken with senior students at Bright H.E.S.



‘Float Entry’

President Milton Green driving “Daisy” (a Daihatsu which was a gift from the Dickens family)

1986/87 – President Jim Anton

“Rotary Brings Hope”

The Club’s strong Community Service continued with its biggest effort on Gala Day when it was responsible to conduct the day’s activities. The Club also won the “Best Decorated Float.” The Club was also involved in pine planting, Hospital Fete, Alpine Rally, Australia Day Breakfast, and ongoing operation of the water slide.



The Club hosted Exchange Student, Michi Ishikawa, from Japan; and sponsored two students to attend Careers Week which was organized by the Rotary Club of Dingley Village.

Sadly the Club lost Rotarian Jack Robertson who passed away.

1987/88 – President Ron Sibley



“Rotarians – United in Service Dedicated to Peace”

Past President Ron previously served as President in 1960/61 when the club was only one year old; Ron also became District Governor Nominee; and Past President Milton Green became Area Representative.

The Club cooked 1600 breakfasts on Australia Day with 190 competitors from the World Hang Gliding Championships from 31 countries in attendance.

Michi Ishikawa’s parents and Rotarians from Mino, Japan visited the Club; and the Rotary Club of Upper Yarra also visited Bright.

Ownership of the water slide was transferred to the Shire of Bright in order to avoid large insurance costs; the pines on the Recreation Reserve were harvested providing \$30,000 for improvements to the Reserve; Rotarian Sid Dalbosco’s donations from water divining had reached \$1,000; the Club raised \$4,000 towards Polio Plus; the Club continued support for the education of a child in Indonesia; contributed to public appeals for two local families; planted part of an avenue of trees between Bright and Porepunkah; and presented a Community Service Award to Rita Bullen.

Other highlights were the snow shoe shuffle on Mt Buffalo; the combined service club’s dinner hosted by the Rotary Club of Mt Beauty; and cooking for the Bright Action Committee on its river trip on the “Cumberoona.”

1988/89 – President Malcolm Sharp

“Put Life in Rotary – Your Life”

The Sound Shell, a Bicentennial project, was completed and principally funded by the Club. The Sound Shell was designed by Past President Ted Gillies an architect from the Rotary Club of Balwyn.

The Club completed its commitment to Polio Plus with a further contribution of \$2,000



The first Annual Bright Shire Apprenticeship award was awarded to David Halabi; and a bus load of senior students was sponsored to attend the first Young Australia Youth Expo in Melbourne.

Twenty three acres of trees were planted in the Rotary Pine Plantation, and oaks planted at Pioneer Park.

The Club was again responsible for the Gala Day program.

While income from the water slide was reduced due to a cold summer, substantial funds were earned at the spinning wheel and lucky envelopes.

Donations were made to Camp Quality, Toy Library, and Buckland Riot Screens.

On Melbourne Cup Day the Club catered for a chicken and champagne luncheon for the Rally of the Alps, and contributed to the Early Settlers Tea held for the Bi-Centenary.

1989/90 – President Max Marker



“Enjoy Rotary

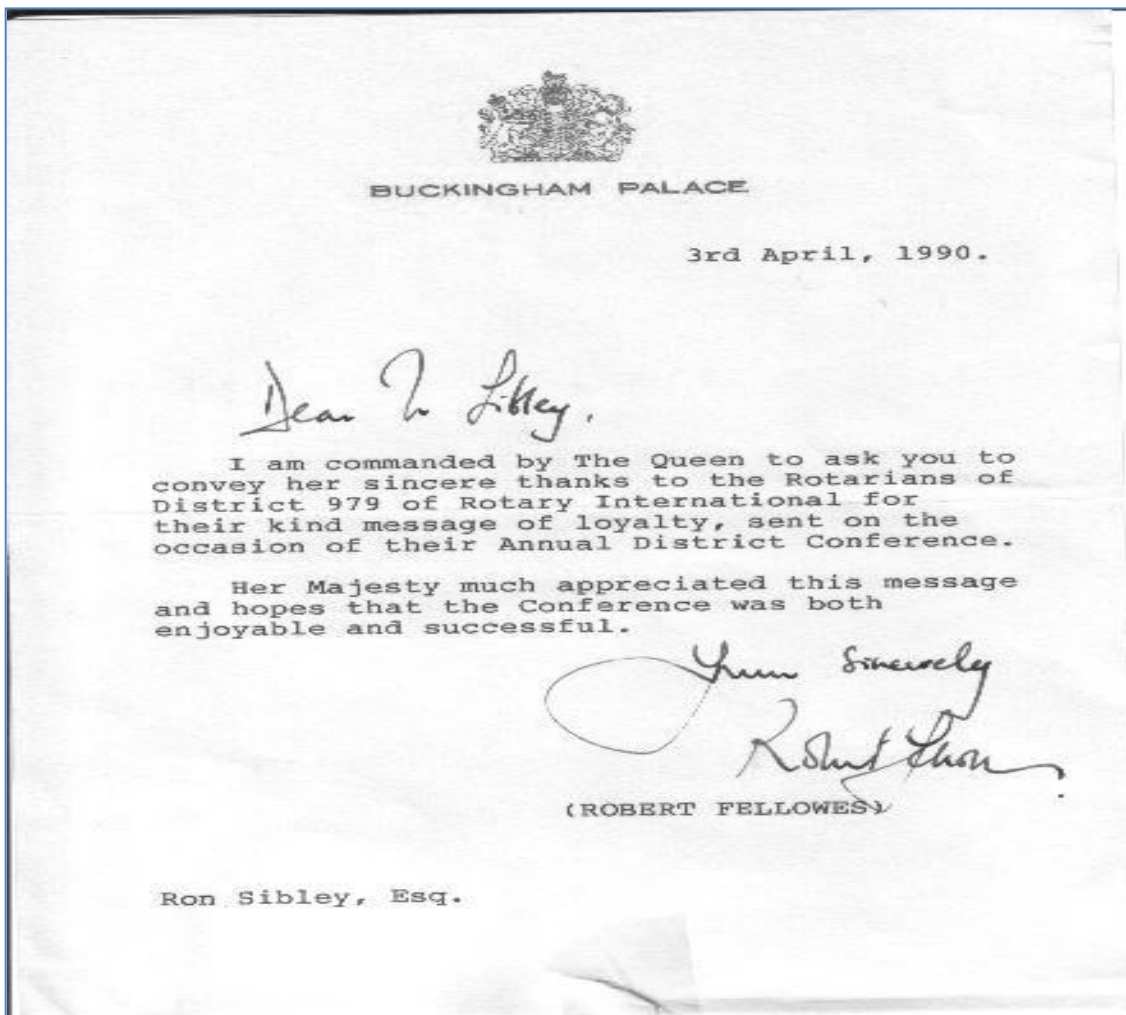
The District Conference held in Bright was arguably the most successful Conference held in country Victoria. District Governor, Past President, Ron Sibley received the support of the community and all Rotarians and partners.

Another outstanding function was the club’s thirtieth birthday Celebration Dinner.

The Club paid its first installment of \$7,000 for the Aged Care Hostel; the Rotary Shed was completed at a cost of \$11,000; the Club petitioned the Minister for Communications to have television reception improved in Bright; and Poet’s Corner was completed.

The spinning wheel and lucky envelopes were again popular and profitable raising \$5,000 for the club.

Donations made included Bright sports Stadium, Lyndhurst Child Care Centre, Bright School Band, Bright Kindergarten, and Camp Quality.



Just a few of our entries 'Autumn Festival Gala Day Floats'



'Polio Awareness Float'

*Alison Anton attending to
Fraser McNaught
having a lie down in the iron lung!
the iron lung!*



'Snow Scene'
with accidents!

*Exchange students
Left to right Penny McKenzie Cy Miller, Tracy Hind*



'Driving Miss Daisy' *Past President Geoff Hall & Rotarian Sue Manning*



DISTRICT CONFERENCE 1990



'Erecting the mess hall'



'Inside the mess hall'



'Decorations'



'Professional Entertainer'



'Local Entertainers'

1990/91 – President John Harris



“Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm”

The Group Study Exchange Team comprising six young ladies from North Carolina, USA visited Bright, and the Club’s Exchange Student, Amanda Wehrle, was hosted in Germany.

Major donations made were; the second installment for the Aged Care Hostel, \$2,750 for a computer at Bright College and \$1,800 towards the College stadium, ARHRF, and the North Eastern Life Education Appeal.

Rotarian Dick Basham served as a member on the FAIM Region Committee.

There were regular working bees in the Rotary Pine Plantation removing broom and wattle from competing with the young pines; involvement in the Great Australian Duck Race; and again, Australia Day Breakfast, and Gala Day.

And finally, following concerted lobbying, the Club achieved the installation of a TV translator on Apex Lookout.

Sadly the Club lost one of its most experienced and ablest Rotarians when Joe Koeck passed away.

1991/92 – President Ron Norley

“Look Beyond Yourself”



The Club sponsored the Probus Club of Bright. Rotarian Ron Talbot was the inaugural President and the Club had a membership of ninety members.

A Group Study Exchange Team from Alberta, Canada visited Bright.

Rotarian Dick Basham joined a FAIM team to New Guinea.

The Club continued to be fully involved in Student Exchange and Youth Leadership, hosting Exchange Student Freddie Barmeyer from Germany, and sponsored Michael Borschmann who was hosted in Denmark, and sponsored Katrina

Pianagonda to attend RYLA.

The barbecue trailer and spinning wheel stand were constructed; support was given to the Bright Urban Fire Brigade during their Centenary Celebrations; the Club assisted at the Early Settlers Tea; and painted the Clock Tower.

A successful Austrian Ball was arranged in conjunction with other Service clubs and raised \$2,600 for the Aged Care Hostel.

Major fundraisers were the water slide, and spinning wheel, and the Club’s donations included; the third installment to Bright Aged Care Hostel, Life Education, Disabled Skiers Federation, Murray River Marathon, Bright Tennis Club, Bright Adult Education, Bright SES, Wandiligong Library, and Hemophilia Foundation.

1992/93 – President David Allen

“Real Happiness is helping others”

The Club participated in several working bees at the Bright Hostel site where the entrance road was named “Rotary Drive” in recognition of the contribution of \$25,000 by the Club. Past District Governor Ron and June Sibley, Rotarian Dick and Kate Basham, and Mario Tesoriero joined another FAIM Team, this time in Western Samoa.



The Club hosted Exchange Student, Christine Joenck, from Denmark, and Virginia Harris was hosted in Germany. Matthew Harris was sponsored to attend RYLA.

The Club planted elms on Wandiligong Road; helped with the Great Australian Duck Race; supported the New Years Eve Family Celebrations; and participated in two major working bees at the Recreation Reserve. The Camp Quality Caper team under the leadership of Rotarian Jim Anton raised funds for this worthy cause.

Interclub visits were arranged to each of the three neighbouring Rotary clubs.

1993/94 – President Graham Cocks

“Believe in What You Do - Do What You Believe In”



The Club celebrated its 35th Anniversary.

It initiated a number of projects including; the Bowel Scan Programme; a Flood Appeal which raised \$7,200 for community members effected by the 1993 floods; promotion and support of a local entry in the Camp Quality Caper; a recital by the Victorian State Youth Brass Band; and tree planting along the Rail Trail; and continued to assist many other organizations with community functions.

The Club hosted Exchange student, Alexander Von Hammerstein, from Germany, and received a visit from 1987/88 student Michi Ishikawa.

Donations included Recreation Reserve, Aged Care Hostel, Gala Day, Spring Festival, Life Education, and RSL Memorial.

Some Fun Times!



'Movie Night'
at the RSL

'Barbershop quartet'

'Oaks Dinner'



'The Oscars'



John Hearn 'Eldorado' painting the Rotary Sound Shell mural 1995/96



The Duck Race *with water*.....



The Duck Race Oops no water!



1994/95 – President Gary Spiers



“Be a Friend”

The club celebrated Rotary’s 90th Anniversary; and made Australia Day Presentations to six Pioneers of the Ovens Valley.

Rotarian Ray Fleming’s 100% attendance at 1,000 Rotary meetings was recognized by the Club; and Rotarian Dick Basham joined a FAIM team in Papua New Guinea.

The Club’s Exchange Student, Andrew Sim, was hosted in Honeoye a town about the same size as Bright in New York

State, USA.

The Club initiated the Rotary Business Awards; daffodils were planted at the Porepunkah round-a-bout; a successful International Night was held with His Royal Highness Prince Kevin from the Hut River Province Principality; the Club constructed two walking tracks at Pioneer Park; and the Club was again fully involved with Gala Day including providing prize money for the best floats.

Donations totalling \$ 5,530 included, Rotary Foundation, Sound Shell, Drought Relief Committee, Salvation Army, Autumn Festival Committee, Bright SES, ARHRF, Scouts and Guides, Bright Fire Brigade, and Typo Station.

Sadly, Past President Ron Norley passed away during the year.

1995/96 – President Patrick Dickens



“Act with Integrity, Serve with Love, Work for Peace”

The Club made a commitment of \$15,000 towards Youth Club Hall Extensions.

The Club hosted Exchange Student Kyle Pallischeck from Penn Yan, USA; sponsored students to The Great Industrial Adventure, and RYLA; and supported Life Education and Bright College Peer Group Training Program.

The Club hosted a Rotary Friendship Exchange Group from North Carolina, USA.

The Club held working bees for landscaping at the Bright Cemetery which later shared a Tidy Town Award; created a winning Gala Day float; successfully nominated Past Rotarian Jack Walker as Alpine Shire Citizen of the Year; assisted with catering for the International Women’s Hang Gliding Championships held over ten days at Bright; provided a barbecue for twenty five children who experienced domestic violence; and participated in the Salvation Army Appeal Doorknock; Donations totalled \$7,250 included, Shrine of Remembrance Appeal, Alpine Cycle Club, Autumn Festival Parade Prizes, ARHRF, and Rotary Foundation.

1996/97 – President Arthur Mayne



“Build the Future with Action and Vision”

The Club participation in the Visual Impairment Program resulted in eye tests for 430 residents by the University of Melbourne, the most successful performance in Victoria.

The Charity Auction Dinner raised \$7,500, and the Club’s submission to Tidy Towns formed a significant part of Alpine Shire’s Award.

Rotarian Dick Basham and John Rietveld represented the Club on FAIM project at Kakoda, New Guinea, and Sister Margaret, the Head Sister at the Hospital visited the Club; and former Exchange student Mich Ishikawa revisited Bright again to spend his honeymoon.

James Rogers was awarded the R.J.Gale perpetual trophy for sporting excellence for his sustained efforts in the promotion of baseball in the district.

The Club, sponsored; a Bright P-12 teacher to a Peer Support Teacher Training Seminar; two students to Siemens Science School, a student to attend Murray Darling Freshwater Research Centre Summer School, Ross Walker to attend RYLA; and provided financial assistance to enable three Porepunkah students to attend an excursion.

1997/98 – President John Lonergan



“Show Rotary Cares For the Community, for the World for its people”

The Paul Harris Fellows Honor Board was unveiled
The Club entertained a Friendship Exchange Group from South Africa, and hosted a GSE Team from Japan.

Many items including hospital equipment were forwarded to Tonga as part of Rotary’s “Donations in Kind” (DIK) project.

The Club supported the Winter Wonderland Festival; arranged Carols by Candlelight, Anzac Day BBQ, and the Australia Day Breakfast; conducted Bowel Scan; entered a team from P-12 College in the Ian Murphy Memorial Debating Competition; sponsored two students to attend RYPEN, and Murray Darling School ; and presented Rotary’s Sportsperson of the Year Award.

The water slide raised \$19,000; and the Club ran three markets. Donations included; \$6,000 to Youth Club Hall extensions, Rotary Foundation, Junior Tour of Bright, Gala Day prizes, Low Cost Housing Shelter for Homeless in India, “Nobody’s Children” from Bosnia (Moira Kelly), Salvation Army, and SES.

Waterslide -

Past President's Fraser McNaught and Geoff Hall putting it together....



PDG Syd Lewis –

*Sprucing up the new waterslide office-
looking good!*

'The Markets'

*Past President Bruce McDonald –
meets the stall holders*



‘Sibley Soundshell’

Lots of concerts organized here!



‘Weekly Sausage Sizzle’

Community members

join in the fun

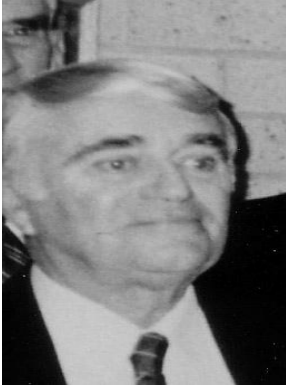


‘Thank You’

To our waterslide volunteers

1998/99 – President Dick Basham

“Follow Your Rotary Dream”



Highlights were, the Club’s 40th Anniversary in the rebuilt and refurbished Youth Club Hall; record takings from the water slide (\$20,680) after work was undertaken to repair flood damage; the FAIM trip to Aitape, PNG of four Rotarians and two members of the community; and hosting fifty exchange students from thirty countries taking part in an ARHRF Bike Ride in Victoria.

The Club’s expenditure reflected, not only substantial support to local community, but also, to national and international Rotary projects with wider applications.

Funds were raised from the water slide and the operation of three street markets.

Donations included; ARHRF, Youth Club Hall, Sound Shell, Life Education, Autumn Festival, P-12 College, and Salvation Army.

1999/2000 – President Stuart Hargreaves

“Act with CONSISTENCY, CREDIBILITY, CONTINUITY”



Highlights were, hosting the Chinese Ambassador’s visit, and his attendance and presentation at the Club’s International Night; Rotarian Fraser and Jenny McNaught’s donation of their Ireland Street house to Moira Kelly Farm, Kilmore; and commencement of the Alpine Business Community and Tourism Awards for the Alpine Shire.

A Vocational Awards night was held; National Boys Choir performed at Bright; the Alpine Driver’s Education School, a joint project of Rotary clubs in Alpine Shire commenced; and the Club’s bulletin written by Rotarian Milton Green won the

District Award.

The Club planted an avenue of trees on the Rail Trail; helped build a playground at Howitt Park; cleared walking tracks following flood damage; provided lunch for RSL on Anzac Day; provided Gala Day Float and lunch for bands on Gala Day; cooked breakfast on Hot Rod weekend; helped build a fence at Wandiligong School; and sold MS raffle tickets for \$11,520!

Medical Equipment was collected for Timor; and books for children in Timor were forwarded as part of the DIK project.

Donations included; Community Hall \$10,400, ARHRF, Wandiligong School, Autumn Festival, Salvation Army, Sound Shell, Poets Corner, P-12 College, Prevention of Youth Suicide, and Porepunkah Junior Football Club.

2000/01 – President Sid Dalbosco

“Create Awareness...Take Action”



Club members and friends enjoyed the hospitality and fellowship from a reciprocal visit to Canberra to visit the Chinese Ambassador.

The Club completed an extensive program of Service in all portfolios.

Rotarian Max McGillivray made a huge commitment and contribution by wiring the entire Moira Kelly Farm at Kilmore, and the Club provided the Water Bore and members assisted at working bees.

A most rewarding afternoon for the Club was spent entertaining the Camp Quality children and their carers at the water slide followed by afternoon tea in the Park. The Club donated \$1,000 to this worthy cause.

The Club continued to assist children, children’s services, schools and youth in the area, and supplied a new stove for the Porepunkah Hall. The Club continued to collect superseded medical equipment and domestic tools and utensils were collected for shipping to East Timor.

2001/02 – President Fraser McNaught

“Mankind is Our Business”



The highlight of the year was the holding of the District Conference in Bright. District Governor Syd Lewis and the Organising Committee comprising members for the Rotary Club of Benalla and the Rotary Club of Bright planned and arranged a most successful Conference. Club members assisted in improvements to the presentation of the venue, the Bright Community Centre, and the daily operation of the Conference.

The RI President challenged each Club to induct one new member each month so Club members took up the challenge and ten new members joined the Club.

Rotarian Ron Devereux was commended for his efforts in raising \$8,100 towards a project in East Timor.

The Club organized a 70s dance; hosted a performance of the National Boys Choir at Our Lady of the Snows, Catholic Church: the Gavan Street Rotunda was upgraded; the Club catered for the Grand Prix Car Rally, and the Great Australian Bike Ride; and presented a successful Vocational Services program on alternative careers.

Donations were made to the Porepunkah, and Bright, Junior Football Clubs, Wanderers Cricket Club, Leukemia Foundation, Bright Autumn Festival, Typo Station, and the Club supported a lady at Mt Beauty who was suffering from cancer. A number of District Committee members attended the Club’s meetings, in addition to the District Governor and Assistant District Governor, to update the Club on District projects.

2002/03 – President Bruce McDonald



“Sow the Seeds of Love”

The best achievement for the year was the outcome from member’s personal donations, which, when matched by the Club and in turn multiplied by Rotary Foundation sponsors, resulted in immunization of 40,000 children with polio!

On the downside were the drought, bushfires, and dirty water in the river.

In addition to the problems these conditions caused the community, the Club had no alternative but to close the water slide on many days.

The Club received strong support from District for people and facilities affected by the fires, and a donation of \$10,000 was made to the Club from the Rotary Club of Highton to support emergency services which later was presented to the Porepunkah Fire Brigade to purchase a Quick Response vehicle.

The Club re-entered the Youth Exchange program when it sponsored Ross Gales to Germany.

Weekly Saturday Sausage Sizzles were successful for fellowship, public profile, and fund raising; operating the barbecue at all annual street markets paid dividends; the Club’s decision to manage the street markets started to bear fruit; and the Club ran three raffles during the year including a summer raffle to offset reduced income from the water slide. Overall the Club raised \$20, 400 from sources other than the water slide.



‘Weekly Sausage Sizzle’

(Left to right)

PDG Syd Lewis, Rotarians

Sue Manning & Dick Basham

Cooking up a storm!

Concurrently the Club sought to plan ahead by adoption of the courtyard project at Bright P-12 College, and by setting aside funds for a share of anticipated costs for the Centennial of Rotary in 2005.

The Club arranged a function at the Bright Community Hall at which Moira Kelly was guest speaker; Rob and Shaaron Moore participated in a RAWCS project to East Timor; Geoff and Mary Hall joined a Friendship Exchange to South Africa and the Club hosted an Exchange from Canada (the origin of happy dollars/sad dollars).

2003/04 – President Ron Devereux



“Lend A Hand”

During the year the Club’s total contributions to the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund reached \$250 per member. The Club welcomed Exchange student Magnus Mackeshin from Germany, and Elise Clarke departed to Germany.

The major project for the year was the refurbishment of the water slide, erection of a retaining wall along the length of the slide, and construction of rock work around the pool area. The Club assisted with the erection of interpretive signs on Canyon Walk; provided paving and gardens at Bright P-12 College courtyard; installed a watering system at the Gavan

Street Rotunda; and some members and partners organized and attended a weekend working bee at Mittagundi and presented donations from District and Business’ to rebuild a hut destroyed by bushfires.

Fund raising income lifted again with \$28,400 coming into the Club from sources other than the water slide, after allowing for a loss on the Club’s operation of the Bright Gift. While the slide remained our best fundraiser, organization of street markets, barbecues, catering and golf days presented opportunities to supplement the Club’s income. The Club was again successful in catering for the Grand Prix Rally.

Donations made included Bright Art Gallery; Bright Historical Society; Porepunkah Junior Football Club; Bright and District Pony Club; MedicAlert; Portsea Children’s Camp; Aquabox; Cancer Council; and added to private donations to educate 17 disabled boys in East Timor.

In addition the Club continued to set aside funds for the Centennial of Rotary.

New Guinea

Ron was a member of the team that went to Aitape in New Guinea in 1999. Being an Ambulance Officer he assisted with medical problems at the devastated Tsunami site.

East Timor

In 2000/2001 Ron collected materials; tools, books and much needed medical equipment; estimated at around \$50,000 worth. Mid 2001 Ron and Past President Alan Garside from the Rotary Club of Myrtleford went to East Timor to deliver the goods, and set up a donated X-Ray machine at Los Palos.

Prior to his untimely death in November 2004, Ron was working to get two ambulances into the country, and also the setting up of a “Rotary House” where Rotary volunteers could stay when doing work in East Timor.

Exchange Student’

Magnus Mackeshin pictured here with DG Bill Holman



2004/05 – President Patrick O’Shea

“Celebrate Rotary”



The Club joined neighbouring Clubs at Myrtleford to celebrate the 100th Birthday of Rotary International, and hosted a dinner for past and current members at Bright to recognize their contributions to Rotary. Unfortunately, the Centennial of Rotary Project that had been planned and designed did not proceed due to the Club’ application for funding being denied.

The Club responded to the Tsunami Disaster by purchasing Aqua Boxes, and raised \$7,000 from collections from Rotarians and the community for further support to the affected communities.

Rotarian Rob and Shaaron Moore, and Morgan Moore, joined a RAWCS team in Timor to assist Tiabese War Widows to obtain skills in sewing machine use and maintenance.

Elisabeth Schulte, a student from Germany was hosted by the Club; Jesse Rose, who was sponsored by the Club to attend the National Youth Science Forum, was selected to visit South Africa and England as part of the program; and donations were made for equipment for the World Youth International in Kenya, and for child sponsorship to the Portsea Camp.

During the year the Club again donated to ARHRF; hosted the Melbourne Girls Choir; supported Life Education at the Annual Duck Race and with a donation; held the inaugural Drive In Movie; joined Ian Stapleton for a most enjoyable day tour of the High Plains; and some members and partners attended a weekend working bee at Typo Station.

The Club was saddened by the death of Past President, Paul Harris Fellow Milton Green in September and also the sudden death of immediate Past President Ron Devereux in November.

‘High
Country trip
to Dargo’



2005/06 – President Geoff Hall



“Service Above Self”

The Club continued to support both International and local communities in need.

Contributions to East Timor and Kenya had made a real difference to the lives of people who live in very difficult circumstances, most on less than \$1 a day!

Rotarians Rob Moore and Patrick O’Shea joined a work team to help build a school at Baliba, and the Club funded the provision of water, toilet facilities and fencing for an Orphanage in Timor. Eating utensils were also provided for a clinic in Vanuatu.

A well organized membership night resulted in the gaining of new members, and for the first time in the Club’s history, five members, including three women and a husband and wife were inducted concurrently.

The Club hosted a GSE team from the Dominican Republic; sponsored the Bright P-12 College Debating Team; a “partnership” between the Club and the Bright Pony Club began; the Club reviewed its operation and adopted “Future Directions” guidelines, and was finally Incorporated.

Donations made by the Club included, ROMAC, Alpine Health, Typo Station, Life Education, Bright and District Charitable Foundation, Pony Club, SES, Bright Community Centre, Pioneer Park Recreation Reserve, Fred Hollows Foundation, ARHRF, BMI, St Vincent de Paul, Spring and Autumn Festivals; and District 9790 Disaster Fund.

The Club mourned the passing of Past President, Paul Harris Fellow, Ray Fleming.



Jenny McNaught

is awarded a

Paul Harris

(left to right) Past President Geoff Hall, Jenny McNaught, President Elizabeth Hall, PDG Clive Walker and Past President Fraser McNaught

2006/07- President Elizabeth Hall ***“Lead the Way”***

Rotarian Elizabeth Hall made Club history when she became the first female President of the Club, and led the Club through a challenging, but again, an active year.

The summer bushfires drew Service clubs together to work cooperatively to provide breakfasts for the emergency groups that protected our community.

The District Conference hosted by the Rotary Club of Myrtleford was held at Bright and the Club was fully involved in catering and providing assistance,

The Sausage Sizzle shed in Ireland Street was erected and new catering equipment was purchased with assistance from the Australian Government and Alpine Shire.

Rotarians Rob Moore and Patrick O’Shea again visited Timor for the completion of the Baliba school; the Club hosted a GSE Team from the USA, and an RFE group from Canada; and numerous opportunities were made available to local students through the Club’s Youth programs including the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA), the Positive Futures Conference, and the Blue Earth Short Story Competition.

Another successful membership night was held and the Club exceeded its membership target for the year; a Program and Information Diary for members was introduced; and the inaugural “Oscars” night was held.

Donations made by the Club included, Angel Flight, Mental Health, Ovens Valley CFA, Dean Carlyle (wheelchair), Historical Society (Joss House), Harrietville Historical Museum, Hollows Foundation, St Vincent de Paul, ARHRF, and Sibley Sound Shell lighting.



‘Rotary Friendship Exchange group’

On tour



2007/08 – President Ray Borschmann



“Rotary Shares”

During the year the Club’s turnover of \$110,600 was allocated to local projects (40%), and International projects (30%).

International Director Rob Moore arranged a Bright work team to restore a Community Centre at Hato Bulico, East Timor, around 100kms from Dili.

Together with Rob, Rotarian Patrick O’Shea made his third trip to Timor, and they were joined by Rotarians Ray Borschmann and Fraser McNaught, and residents Mario Tesoriero and Trevor Chick.

In addition to the time given by the work team and their costs, and other donations to the project, the Club contributed \$24,000 to the project.

The Club initiated a Literacy program with a book week and book parade by primary school students, and continued to support, or supported; Rotary Foundation, ROMAC and the Kenya project managed by Matthew Hall, Hollows Foundation, the Bionic Ear Foundation, Bowel Scan, St Vincent de Paul, Harrierville Museum, Bright Community Centre, SES, many local community organizations; and sponsored a student to the National Youth Science Forum.

2008/09 – President Fraser McNaught



“Make Dreams Real”

It is a great pleasure for me to be President of the Rotary Club of Bright during this very special 50th year. Having also been elected President in 2001-2002, I have witnessed many changes to Bright and its beautiful surrounds over the years. Rotary however, has remained a constant within our busy lives. Its dedicated members, incredibly varied program of events and the contact made with other vibrant community groups are all a reminder of why we all rate Rotary so high. It is my aim that our membership is not only maintained but dramatically increased. It is imperative that new members are encouraged to join our Rotary family and come to know the true meaning of: “*Service above self*”.

Major projects include the running of the Waterslide and organizing of the six major street markets – with funding from these projects flowing directly back into our immediate community and those beyond.

I gained great personal satisfaction from my involvement with the rebuilding of a community centre in East Timor and thank the main organizers of this project for the hours of work preparing for such a worthwhile cause. Our involvement with catering for major community events such as Australia Day celebrations, Hot Rod run, markets and the weekly sausage sizzle not only bring in an enormous proportion of our income but also involve a large number of our members. These members form the backbone of our busy club, and I thank each and every one of you for your dedication and hard work.



FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

The President's Annual Reports over 50 years summarized herein, lists the activities and achievements of the Club in Community Service, Youth activities and International service. These activities have been supported by continuing fund raising by the Club.

FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW

One of the first projects was the Flower & Vegetable Show which continued from 1959 - 1979. The show started in a small way and got bigger as the years went by, and as a consequence it was moved to various venues: Wilson's Hall in Wood Street (now the site of the Bright Motor Inn); the old RSL Hall in Gavan Street (now shops including Bendigo Bank and finally to the Youth Club Hall (now the Community Centre). Prizes for best flower and vegetables were fiercely competed for, Charter President Howard Haymes and Charter member Bill Bartlett were keen to grow the best dahlias. To supplement the funds raised from the Flower & Vegetable Show Rotarians started a vegetable garden, working plots in the Buckland Valley off Harris Lane and in Bright on the river opposite Walkers Lane. The garden activity took place between 1977 and 1981. Past President Ray Fleming supplemented the produce by growing lots of pumpkins and corn on his property at Eurobin. Vegetables were sold off a trailer in Ireland Street near the clock tower.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHTS

President George Aloizos in 1971 conceived the idea of running concerts in the open air at the Bright Recreation Reserve using artists who came to Australia from Overseas.



Rotarians set up a stage in the middle of the oval on which the artists performed. There were Phillipino dancers, Italian choristers and various groups playing musical instruments, as well as solo artists.

The cultural activity was seen also as a way of increasing tourism to the area; and these nights continued to 1980.

‘Italian choristers’



PINE PLANTATION

In 1966 the Club planted eight hectares of the Recreation Reserve land with pines. These had their first harvest in 1987 yielding \$55,000 which was distributed to improve facilities at the Reserve and to replant the area.



Funds went to the following projects:

- Scout and Guide Hall
- Pony Club
- Cricket Pitch
- Upgrading power and lighting
- New oval fencing
- Grand stand improvements and terracing and
- A BMX track

The area was replanted in 1988 and will be harvested again in a few years time,, when again proceeds will go to funding further improvements at the Recreation Reserve.

WATERSLIDE

In 1982 in president Ron Talbot's year a 42 metre long fibre glass water slide was built into the banks of the Ovens River in Bright, and was opened by District Governor Merv Johnson in January 1983. It is operated by Rotarians and community volunteers, and has raised over \$400,000 since its installation. Funds from the slide have been distributed to many community needs- hospitals, schools, halls and many other projects. These funds have also assisted with the construction of the Sound Shell in Howitt Park, which was built as a Bi-Centennial project in 1988 at a cost of \$32,000.

Rotary's contribution being \$26,000. Rotary runs Christmas Carols on Christmas Eve and free concerts for visitors and locals at the Sound Shell during the summer holiday period, and these are financed in the main from waterslide revenue. (up to \$3,000 per year).



‘Carols at the Sibley Soundshell’

Everyone is waiting to see Santa!

WATER DIVINING

Past President Sid Dalbosco is well known for his skills of finding water by divining. Since 1982/1983 Sid has donated his proceeds of over \$15,000 from this activity to Rotary, which in turn has been the means of enabling significant pieces of life saving medical equipment to be purchased for the hospital.

‘Sid Dalbosco’ pictured left



BRIGHT ANNUAL DRIVE IN MOVIE

Rotary has hosted this event for the past five years. Held on the first Saturday of January, during the busy school holiday period, this is a 'must do' for both locals and tourists alike. The event gives us the opportunity to view a 'latest release' movie without travelling miles, it provides an experience for young & old alike and also is a great fund raiser for Rotary as the cost of the film is fully covered by sponsors from the local business community. In January 2008, a profit of \$3000 was made. The event is fully catered for by both Rotary & Lions, and the local SES club is involved with car parking, crowd control and safety issues. It is another great example of service clubs working together for the common good.

Rotary Waterslide



Sibley Soundshell



PDG
Ron Sibley
entertaining at
'Carols by
candlelight'

MARKETS

The Rotary Club of Bright was invited to take responsibility for management of five major street markets in 2002. In doing so the Club agreed to continue to provide 75% of the proceeds of three markets to fund Springtime in Bright, and the Autumn Festivals, and to retain 25% commission from those markets, together with the gross income from the Australia Day weekend and Easter markets.

At that stage gross income from the markets was \$17,500 of which the Club retained \$9,600.

Last year a successful Street Rods market at Pioneer Park was added.

Last year's gross income was \$31,600 and the Club's share was around \$17,000. This year that is estimated to increase to \$36,000 and the Club's income to \$20,000.

The Club's market duties include mail out to site holders, advertising, taking phone calls and bookings, checking site holder's insurance cover, liaising with Council officers, allocating and marking sites, supervision of safety during set up, operation, and closure of markets.

In addition to the community support provided to the two major Festivals, the markets are an attraction to the many tourists who visit the area.

CATERING

Catering has been a fund raising activity for a number of years utilizing the Club's barbecue trailer and caravan. The Club has taken opportunities to provide its popular barbecues at markets, Australia Day, Anzac Day, Autumn and Spring Festivals, District conferences and for visiting organisations including Grand Prix rally's, Car Clubs, Bands and Bush Walking Clubs which need larger numbers of affordable meals.

The Club's catering officer is responsible to arrange all food required and Club members provide their time to assist.

SATURDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLES

The Club also commenced weekly sausage sizzles in Ireland Street in 2002. These promote the profile of the Club in the community and to visitors. This is assisted by advertising the Club on a "Rotary Shade Cover" which was obtained with funds provided by Government and Council grants.

A fully equipped storage facility has now been provided on site to assist with food handling requirements and ease of operation.

This weekly activity not only provides around \$10,000 annually for Club projects, but also offers great fellowship for members who are rostered, and attracts many regular customers.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The many and varied Community Service activities carried out by the Club over its 50 year history cannot all be covered in this publication, however some of the main ones are summarized below. Some have received a 'brief mention' in the annual Reports.

Formation of other Service Clubs

Apex

In 1964 Rotary assisted in the formation of the Apex Club of Bright

Rotaract

The Rotaract Club of Bright was Chartered 1 June 1977 with a membership of 18 young adults between the ages of 18 and 28 years with Gillian Dickens as the Club's first President.

Some of the activities of the Club included, cemetery clean ups, street stalls, car washes, door knocks for Heart Foundation, Freedom from Hunger, Red Shield Appeal. Japanese exchange visits, cake stalls, book drive for third world countries, assisting with Mount Buffalo climb; as well as many social activities.

Rotaractors also assisted Rotary with many of its projects: ie. Waterslide, Hospital Fete, Air Pageant, Pine plantation.

Several members participated in exchange visits to Japan. In 1986 Rotarian P.P. Ron Sibley led a team of 20 Rotaractors from the District to Chiba Prefecture in Japan.

The Club prospered for the first 12 years, but unfortunately membership started to decline and in 1995 the Club folded; as did many other clubs in the District at this time.

Rotary Club of Mt Beauty

The Rotary Club of Mt Beauty was sponsored by Bright and received its Charter in 1985.

Probus Club of Bright

The Club formed the Probus Club of Bright in 1992 with Rotarians P.P. Ron Talbot as Charter President.

Alpine Probus Club

The membership of the Probus Club of Bright was soon filled, and so in 1999 the Alpine Probus Club was formed.



'Rotaractors dressed in roaring 20's attire'

Community Halls

In the mid 1980's the Rotary Club considered that Bright needed improved Hall facilities and formed "The Entertainment Committee", consisting of representatives from the Service Clubs, Council and the Community. After inspections of several halls around the State, it was decided that Bright really needed not one but two halls. The First priority being a Stadium at the Bright P12 College which would provide for indoor sport, school functions, and also limited civic functions.

The hall was completed in 1989 and was used for the Rotary District Conference in 1990. Rotary as well as having strong representation on the Committee, provided funds towards its construction and Rotarians assisted at working bees. A school co-op was formed and the building was finally paid for with Government Grants.



**'Rotary District
Conference in 1990'**

Sports Stadium

The Committee then turned its attention to a Civic Hall, as suitable stage facilities could not be provided in the Stadium. Preliminary plans had been prepared by the Shire Council on the Shire office site, but the cost of building the new hall was seen to be too much for the community to afford at the time, so it turned its attention to upgrading the Youth Club Hall.

This building was extended at a cost of approximately \$250,000 to provide seating for 600-800 people, and a large stage, toilets and dressing room facilities. The cost was kept to a minimum by work being carried out by volunteer labour, and donations of materials. The Rotary Club of Bright contributed over \$40,000 and many hours of volunteer labour.

The hall has been renamed "The Bright Community Centre". The work was completed in 1999 and the Rotary District Conference in 2002 and the Conference in 2007 were both held at this venue.

So the Club has assisted with the building of two halls, and these halls have provided venues for three District Conferences.

1990 D.G. Ron Sibley at the Stadium
2002 D.G. Syd Lewis at the Community Centre
2007 D.G. Clive Walker at the Community Centre

Landscaping Projects

Rotary Park at the Senior Citizens, Hawthorn Village, avenues of trees along the Rail Trail and in Gavan Street, and an avenue of Elms along Wandiligong Road as well as the planting of Oaks at the back of Pioneer oval.

The roundabout at Porepunkah was planted with daffodils and suitable trees.

Landscaping was carried out around the Rotunda at the entrance to Bright. The building was also upgraded at a cost of \$4,000. The building and surrounds are now maintained by the Club.

Several donations were made to the Bright Cemetery which allowed for the construction of the stone memorial gateway entrance, and the commencement of the lawn section. In conjunction with the Lions Club members regularly mow grass and clean up around the graves.

Rotary Shed

With incoming goods and chattels to store it became necessary for the Club to have a suitable building to house the caravan, "Daisy" (Daihatsu a gift from the Dickens family), barbecues, trestles, signs and much miscellaneous gear as well as Rotary records.

In 1989/90 a shed was built at the southern end of the Council Depot in Churchill Avenue. It has been a great asset to the Club and has been used to sort out donated materials to go to projects in third world countries.

Autumn & Spring Festivals

As well as providing considerable funds from the Markets to these festivals, Rotary members assist with the running of these events each year. Most years the Club has entered a float in the Autumn Festival Gala Day Parade, and sponsored an entrant in the "Autumn Princess" competition as well as marshalling for the parade.



**‘Rotarians
at
Work’**

HEALTH

Bowel Scan

Each year Bowel Scan test kits are promoted by the Club and this past year 2008, 130 kits were purchased.

Moira Kelly Farm

The Club has a big input into the Moira Kelly Farm project at Kilmore. The donation of a residence by Rotarian P.P. Fraser McNaught and his wife Jenny formed the nucleus of the project, and members contributed at working bees, and in particular carried out the electrical work and the water supply from the well.

The Farm provides care and respite for children who have been brought to Australia by Moira to get specialised surgical work to correct severe injuries or deformities.



‘Residence’

donated by Rotarian
P.P. Fraser McNaught
and his wife Jenny

Over many years the Club has provided considerable funds to these charities listed below:

Australian Rotary Health Research Fund

Fred Hollows Foundation

Rotary Overseas with Medical Aid for Children

Bone Marrow Institute

Interplast

Polio Plus

Some funds go to this program to eradicate Polio from the Clubs annual contribution to Rotary Foundation. In 2002/03 the Club raised sufficient funds to immunize 40,000 children.

Youth

The Club commenced the program of Youth Exchange in 1960 when it hosted 7 students from the District over the September school holidays.

Again in 1963 the Club hosted 4 students over the September school holidays.

In 1961 the Clubs' first student Brenda Showers went to U.S.A. and in 1966/67 the Club hosted Joy Dizon from the Phillipines.

Over the years (as listed below) the Club has hosted 15 inbound students and 14 outbound.

Students Inward Bound

1960 7 students hosted September School Holidays District 979
1963 4 students hosted September School Holidays District 280

1966/67 Joy Dizon	Phillipines	1970/71 Carrise Echaus	Phillipines
1971/72 Medori Veno	Japan	1972/73 Owart Sakarin	Thailand
1976/77 Sieu Ling	Malaysia	1977/78 Cathy Fong	Malaysia
1982/83 Gustavo Tejada	Mexico	1984/85 Cy Miller	California, U.S.A.
1987/88 Michi Ishikawo	Japan	1991/92 Frederich Barmeyer	Germany
1992/93 Christina Joenck	Denmark	1993/94 Aleander Von Hammerstein	Germany
1995/96 Kyle Pallischeske	New York, U.S.A.	2003/04 Magnus Makeschin	Germany
2004/05 Elisabeth Schulte	Germany		

Students Outward Bound

1961 Brenda Showers	USA	1968 Vyonne Ward	Philippines
1970 Carol Stewart	Philippines	1970 Lynn Woinarski	Philippines
1971 Christine Hall	Philippines	1972 Joy Riorden	Thailand
1972 Carol Johnson	Canada	1984 Tracy Hind	California
1985 Karen McGillivray	U.S.A.	1990 Amanda Wehrle	Germany
1991 Michael Borschmann	Denmark	1992 Virginia Harris	Germany
1995 Andrew Sim	U.S.A.	2003 Ross Gales	Germany
2004 Elise Clarke	Germany		

OTHER WORKS

Club members have assisted by carrying out work on buildings at the camp at Mittagundi in the Mitta valley, and at Typo Station, a facility for wayward youth in the King Valley.

A sizeable donation \$5,000 was made toward the cost of a new sports pavilion recently built at the Pioneer Reserve, Bright.

Over the years all schools, Harrierville, Wandiligong, Porepunkah and Bright have received support from the Club. A paved courtyard at Bright P12 being a recent project.

Through the efforts of P.P. Geoff Hall's son, Mathew, a project is being supported in the Northern Gem Province, Kenya. Whereby the club over the last three years has supported 3 children at \$100 each to cover the costs of their schooling for a year, uniforms, a meal and a bag of maize for the family. A further grant of \$170. was made to buy desks and sporting equipment.

The following students have been supported by the Club to attend the various activities as listed.

National Youth Science Forum

2005	Jesse Rose	2006	Thomas Gales
2007	Alyssa Dixon (<i>unsuccessful at District eliminations</i>)		
2008	Archie Collyer		

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

1997	Ross Walker	1998	Catherine Brown
2001	Felicia Davies	2008	Emma Manning

Murray Darling School of Fresh Water Research

1997	Garth Stride	1998	Kimberley Hearn
1998	Kate Bunn	2005	Thomas Gales
2007	Archie Collyer		

Model United Nations Assembly

2006	Eleanor Meyer, Kate Daly	2007	Jordan Lennerth, Leah Sheppard
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Mittagundi

Samantha Badrock

Siemens Science Experience

1996	Catherine Goddard, Laura Newlands		
1997	Kimberly Hearne, Craig Tobin		
2006	Kyle McLennan		

The Great Industrial Adventure (*sponsored by Rotary Club of Dingley*)

1997	Nick Swaneveld		
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Other programs involving the youth of the area have included

- RYPEN
- Positive Futures Conference
- Peer Support at Bright P12
- Life Education van
- Pre Driver education
- District 9790/ Blue Earth Primary Schools Micro Story competition
- School literacy awards and street parade

The Club has sponsored National Boys Choir (1999 & 2006) and Australian Girls Choir in 2004 for performances in Bright.

Sporting Clubs -

- New scoreboard for Porepunkah panthers Baseball Club
- New jumpers Porepunkah Juniors Football team

Friendship Exchange & Vocational Fellowships

These programs promote international understanding and goodwill between Rotarians in different countries around the world.

Several of our members and their wives have enjoyed the hospitality of Rotarians in the countries that they have visited, and the Club has benefited by return visits from these overseas Rotarians, and lasting friendships have been made.

In the formation years of the Friendship Exchange Program. P.D.G. Ron Sibley was District Chairman for four years, and as with any new program it was difficult to promote enough interest to arrange exchanges. Now the District Friendship Exchange Committee arranges two or three exchanges each year to many countries around the world. Members from Bright have travelled to Tasmania, U.S.A., England, South America and South Africa.

On the Vocational Fellowship program, PDG Syd Lewis and PP Patrick O'Shea are heavily involved with the Cricketing Fellowship, and have enjoyed playing against Rotarians in Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, India, South Africa and England.

Group Study Exchange

Over the years the club has put forward several worthy candidates for this cultural and vocational exchange. In 1982/83 one candidate, Gary Morgan, a local Forrester, was successful and joined a group to India.

The Club has however hosted several teams from overseas.

Rotary Foundation Donations

The Club has generally maintained the level of giving as suggested by the Foundation Chairman. Lately the giving has been in the order of \$100 U.S. per member.

On the death of Rotary's founder Paul Harris. Paul Harris' Fellowships were seen as a way to raise funds for the Rotary Foundation.

\$1,000 U.S. donations purchased a Paul Harris award. Many "Rotary countries" adopted the idea of purchasing, the award, but in Australia most Rotary Clubs saw it as an opportunity to make the donation, and award the Paul Harris fellowship to one of its' members or a member of the community who has done outstanding service.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Ron Sibley	1986	**sapphire pin
Patrick Dickens	1986	
Ray Fleming	1988	**sapphire pin
Sid Dalbosco	1989	**sapphire pin
Dick Basham	1989	(Nerang, Qld)
Ian Wallace	1989	
Milton Green	1989	
Stuart Hargreaves	1989	
Ian Hill	1989	(Phillip Island)
Ron Thorogood	1989	
Dick Basham	1989	(Queensland)
David Roberts	1991	
June Sibley	1993	
Ron Norley	1994	
Syd Lewis	1994	(Benalla)
Bruce Kilpatrick	1994	(Geelong)
Max Marker	1995	
Bill Young	1995	
Barry Coghlan	1997	
Max Ellen	1997	
Ron Talbot	1998	
Max McGillivray	1998	
Tracy Walker	2001	(Brisbane)
Fraser McNaught	2001	
Bruce McDonald	2003	
Jack Peacock	2004	
Charles Humphry	2006	
Geoff Tually	2006	
Jenny McNaught	2006	
Rob Moore	2007	
Ian Stapleton	2007	
Patrick O'Shea	2008	

RAWCS

Rotary Australia World Community Services (*formerly F.A.I.M. Fourth Avenue in Motion*)

1970 New Guinea

The first Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Bright to go on a F.A.I.M. trip was Mick Clarke who was a builder, and he and his wife, Dot, went to Madang, New Guinea to carry out extensions to the hospital outpatients building. Dot acted as a cook for the team.

1992 New Guinea

John Harris, Dick Basham *John Rietveld (**who was a non-Rotarian volunteer*) were lifted by helicopter into Kulama in the highlands to build a school 23m x 8m and 3 Teachers homes. The buildings were constructed with round timbers collected by the villagers who also carried in the roofing iron walking 10km over the mountains. John Rietveld also worked with two other teams from other Rotary Clubs; July 1994 New Guinea - Kokoda hospital and museum. Oct 1996 Samoa, roofing school at Ulutogia.

1993 Western Samoa

Dick & Kate Basham spent 3 months and Ron & June Sibley followed spending 1 month facilitating the rebuilding of schools after a severe cyclone. Also *Mario Tesoriero (**who was a non-Rotarian volunteer*) a local joiner joined a Rotary team to work on one of the schools.

1995 New Guinea, Kokoda

Dick Basham spent 6 weeks helping with the building of a hospital to Australian Standards, a war museum, and a waiting shed at the airstrip.



1999 New Guinea, Aitape

Following the Tsunami, Bill Lowen, Arnold Sparks, Dick Basham, *John Rietveld, *Bob Egan (**who were non-Rotarians*) left to build houses for school staff.

2002-2008 Involvement in East Timor

October 2002 Rob & Shaaron Moore join team of 5 organized by Eaglehawk club to build orphanage in Fatuhada, Dili. 16 days.

July 2003 Rob Moore works on Fatuhada building, Shaaron and Morgan helps establish Tiabese War Widows Sewing Centre. 13 days.

October 2005 Rob Moore & Patrick O'Shea part of Eaglehawk team to rebuild at Baliba, 15km outside Dili. 14 days.

October 2006 Second trip to Baliba to complete the school project. Patrick O'Shea and Rob Moore were the last team of 13 and stayed two weeks with a group of six.

October 2007 Rob Moore and *Daniel Boissevain(**who was a non-Rotarian volunteer*) travel to Hato Bulico to investigate the viability of the Bright club undertaking the renovation of a building in the remote village 100km from Dili. 5 days.

July 2008 A team of six, four from the club, Patrick O'Shea, Fraser McNaught, Ray Borschmann, Rob Moore and two other local builders, Mario Tesoriero and Trevor Chick, spent approximately 3 weeks in East Timor undertaking the reconstruction of the Hato Bulico Community Centre.



(Left to right) Past President Patrick O'Shea, Rotarian Rob Moore, President Fraser, Daniel Boissevain, Trevor Chick, Past President Ray Borschmann and Mario Tesoriero.

*"Our first Ambassadorial Scholar"
Tarne Berry and PDG Syd Lewis*



Rotarians At Work



‘Market Organiser’

*Past President
Bruce McDonald*



‘Hot Rod breakfast’

*Rotarians
and
partners help out*



‘Australia Day Breakfast’

All hands on deck!

DISTRICT SERVICES

Past District Governors (3)

Ron Sibley D. 979, 9790 Syd Lewis D. 9790 Geoff Tually D. 9780
Each PDG has served on many District Committees)

Dick Basham	International Service (F.A.I.M.)
Barry Coghlan	Group Representative (Assistant Governor)
Milton Green	Group Representative (Assistant Governor)
John Harris	Group Representative (Assistant Governor), Student Exchange
Patrick O'Shea	Community Service Chairman
Graham Cocks	Community Service Bowel Scan

Acknowledgements:

The Club acknowledges the work of the Committee who put this publication together, which records the efforts of present and past Rotarians who carried out the vast amount of projects in service to the local Community and to the International community.

In particular thanks go to three of our members who did the bulk of the work in putting this publication together.

Past District Governor Ron Sibley a Charter member has contributed greatly to this publication with his knowledge of the history of the Club since its inception.

Past President Elizabeth Hall did all the computer work on script and photos to set up this publication.

Past President Bruce McDonald summarized the main events in each Presidential year since 1978, and incorporated the first 20 years 1959 – 1978 summarized by Joanne Clough (student and daughter of Past President Graham Clough).

One only has to read one Annual Report of the Club to appreciate the numerous and varied activities carried out in one year. To record all this information over 50 years in this booklet was not possible, however every effort has been made to record the major aspects of the Club's activities.

It is hoped that this history will be of value to the community, past, present and future Rotarians in the Rotary Club of Bright.

Fraser McNaught

President
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BEAUTIFUL BRIGHT



A TOWN FOR ALL SEASONS



