



Charter President Ion Whykes



Charter Member, P.P. Terry Hill

In the Beginning . . .

The Rotary Club of Healesville was commenced due to the initiative of the Rotary Club of Alexandra. That Club was commissioned by the then Governor of Rotary District 279, soon to become District 979, Keppel Turnour, to investigate the feasibility of establishing a Rotary Club in Healesville. The Alexandra sponsoring group was led by the then President, Jack Sinclair, assisted by such stalwarts as Jack Shiel, Fil Sartori, Roy Fox, Roly Atkinson, Les Coates, Fred Darmody, Alan Dobson, Roy Lew Ton and many others. Apologies to any others who were part of that group and who may have been overlooked. It is very sad that most of these fine men are no longer with us.

Jack Sinclair and the members of the Alexandra Club canvassed Healesville and gained a very willing supporter in the person of local Newsagent, Arthur Daws. It is a great pity that Arthur has now passed away. He would have been very pleased to have been able to attend this meeting. With Arthur's help, the Alexandra group made a list of prospective members and invited them to a meeting to discuss the possibility of forming a Rotary Club in Healesville. As a result of their actions, the Provisional Rotary Club of Healesville was established in mid 1977. The Provisional Club then applied to Rotary International for a Charter.

The Charter was presented to the inaugural President, Ion Whykes, at a function held at the Dorset Gardens Hotel in Croydon. More than two hundred people attended the Charter Night. On that occasion, Charter President Ion Whykes spoke of the need for a Rotary Club in Healesville. He pointed out that the area was socially deprived, and that there were many members of the local population who needed support. He expressed the hope that the Rotary Club of Healesville would be able to fill a role for the community.

The Charter Secretary was Arthur Daws and the Charter Vice President Carl Sherman. Twenty-eight members constituted the Rotary Club of Healesville when it was chartered. During the first year, there was not one meeting without a member of the Rotary Club of Alexandra attending. There is no doubt that the tremendous support offered by the friends from Alexandra was a significant factor in the development of the Rotary Club of Healesville. Of that initial group, three resigned during the first year, but an additional ten members joined the Club.

In the first year or so much time was devoted to learning about Rotary, with a very strong emphasis on fellowship between members. This has been one of the outstanding characteristics of the Rotary Club of Healesville throughout its existence.

Charter Members.

The names of the Charter Members and their Classifications were:-

Gary Carmody Groceries Retailing
Michael Carter Auctioneering Services

Keith Crilly Law Practice Arthur Daws Newsagency Ian Edgar Hotels

Harold Flannery Grain and Produce Retailing

Russell Galli Insurance Brokerage John Gentle Accounting Services

Ronnie Goding Saw Milling

Terrence Hill Education – Primary Additional Active

Adrian Hoogenbosch
Bryan Hyland
Colin Johanson
Bill Kennedy

Real Estate Agency
Education Primary
Banking -- Saving
Electricity Supply

Roy Lowe Water Supply Inspection

Ken McKenzie Catering Service

Clem Matthews Automobile Engineering
Colin Marriott Stud Cattle Breeding

Peter Morse Surveying

Ray Peck Auctioneering Services

Harry Prewett Forestry

Stefan Schaerf Timber Products Manufacturing Elroy Schroeder Medicine – General Practice

Gordon Schultz Fruit Growing
Carl Sherman Banking – Trading

Norm Stevens Water Supply Engineering

Neville Willmott Police Services

Ion Whykes Education -- Secondary

Of this group, only Terry Hill and Ion Whykes are still members.

Presidents Since Charter.

The Past Presidents of the Rotary Club of Healesville since 1977-78 to the present are:-

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1977-78	Ion Whykes	
1978-79	Terry Hill	
1979-80	Mike Carter/Ion Whykes	
1980-81	Norm Stevens	
1981-82	Elroy Schroeder	
1982-83	Peter Machin	
1983-84	Rae Church	
1984-85	Ian Pollock	
1985-86	Ron Goding (Dec.)	
1986-87	Gary Carmody	
1987-88	Jack Hort (Dec.)	
1988-89	Stuart McDonald	
1989-90	John Miller	
1990-91	Colin Couper (Dec.)/Rae Church	
1991-92	Rob Culton (Dec.)	
1992-93	Bruce Thomas	
1993-94	Colin Johanson	
1994-95	Lawrie McKee	
1995-96	Harry Buettner	
1996-97	Geoff Kennedy (Dec.)	
1997-98	Stephen Shortis	
1998-99	Bruce Thomas	
99-2000	Bob Earl	
2000-01	Rod Thom	
2001-02	Lawrie McKee	
2002-03	Norm Casey	
2003-04	Margaret Pike	
2004-05	Doug Symons	
2005-06	Greg Suhr	
2006-07	Graeme Chester	
2007-08	Allan Davidson	
2008-09	Robert Chippendall	
2009-10	Barbara Dickson	
2010-11	Dennis Stanton	
2011-12	Pamela Gates	
2012-13	David Brown	
2013-14	Rae Church	
2014-15	Don Fitzgerald	
2015-16	Lesley Plumpton	
2013-17	Robert Chippindall	
2017-18	Sam Halim	

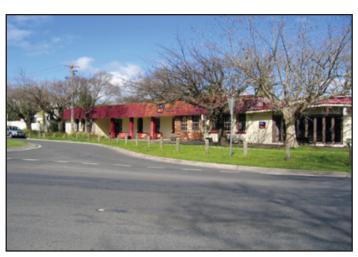
It was extremely unfortunate that Mike Carter suffered a breakdown during his term as President and was unable to complete the year. Past President Ion Whykes took over to complete the year. Colin Couper had only recently been inducted as President when he suffered a heart attack and died. Past President Rae Church then stepped in to fill the vacancy.

Meeting Venues.

Past Members will recall the following meeting venues, at all of which our patronage was eventually declined:



Grand Hotel - Twice



Terminus Hotel - Twice



Healesville Sanctuary



Elizabeth Gardens (The Gables)



Park Drive Motel (or used to be)

What has the Rotary Club of Healesville achieved?

Here some of the projects with which the Club has been associated. The list is by no means exhaustive nor are the projects listed in any particular order.

1. Candlebark Afternoons -

This is one of the Club projects which has been most successful and which has gained the Club recognition within Rotary, and has been recognized by the Premier of Victoria for a Community Service Award. The idea came from then Rotarian Adrian Francis, who operated a children's holiday facility known as Candlebark Farm. He suggested that the Club should sponsor a monthly afternoon for the elderly members of our community who would otherwise rarely get out for a social gathering.

The first Candlebark afternoons were held at his property, the Club members providing the transport for the participants and providing entertainment as well. From a starting base of just four elderly people, the afternoons have grown to an average attendance of approximately sixty, and for many of the participants it is a highlight of their life. After more than twenty years the Candlebark project has been terminated.



2. Community Bus.

Back in the early 1980s the Club debated whether it would finance a Community Bus for Healesville. After much soul searching, it was decided that a small bus, which could be driven by people who did not hold a heavy vehicle licence, would be most appropriate.

An eleven-seater vehicle was deemed suitable, and it was made available to the local community members free of charge on the understanding that the petrol tank would be refilled by each user. Unfortunately, many of the users failed to meet even this very generous condition.



The conditions for the use of the bus have now been modified, and users are required to pay a Bond and a hiring fee, with completion of a Hiring Agreement. The first bus was replaced after passing 100,000 km, and the fourth bus is approaching the stage at which it too will need replacement. The Rotary Bus is very well known in the Healesville area and is an excellent advertisement for Rotary and the Club. Each of the six buses has averaged approximately 150,000 kilometres of community use.

3. Ambulance Vehicle.

In addition to providing the Community Bus, during Elroy Schroeder's year as President the Club raised the initial deposit to enable the local Ambulance Service to acquire a special vehicle for the transport of patients who were not confined to bed and did not need to be transported by stretcher. This vehicle filled a very real gap in the local Ambulance service, but has now been replaced by the private Ambulance Service.

4. Art Shows.

In the early years of the Club, it conducted several Art Exhibitions, which were intended to provide local artists with the opportunity to exhibit their work. The first Art Show was conducted in Queens Park in huge tents provided by local Army Unit. This was most fortuitous since the weather was not kind. After that the Exhibitions were conducted in the Healesville Memorial Hall. The Art Shows were extremely popular and attracted a good attendance of exhibitors and members of the public. One Show was even held at the Terminus Hotel.

Quite a large amount of money was raised from commission on the sale of the paintings, but after a few years it seemed that the local area had been exhausted as a potential area for sale of paintings and the Art Shows were discontinued.



5. Community Directories.

This is another of the ongoing successful projects by the Rotary Club of Healesville. Initiated by Past Presidents Terry Hill and Elroy Schroeder, the Community Directory provides an excellent resource for the local residents, and also serves as a good money raiser for the Club.



The Directory is a publication, quality proved which has extremely useful to Healesville residents. Since the development of the Shire Yarra Ranges which has produced its Directory, own the Directory produced by Club has been more popular with the local people since it is better set out and does not contain a huge amount of irrelevant information.

6. Community Help Projects.

There have been a large number of ways in which the Club has assisted members of the local community. In the early days of the Club there were a number of "Hands on" projects, where Club members went out into the community and performed tasks. For example, the Club built a ramp and modified the bathroom for a man who had become a para-plegic due to a truck accident. This was but one of a number of similar projects.

7. Support for Community Centre Construction

When the Healesville High School started a project for building a Community Centre at the School, it asked the local community to help provide extra funds to allow the addition of a Gymnasium. This required substantial local funding. The Rotary Club of Healesville raised money towards this project, and gave in excess of \$10000.

In 1998, the then Principal Denis Brown sought support from the Rotary Club of Healesville for the construction of a second Basketball Stadium at the Healesville High School. Our Club made a donation of \$25,000 towards the cost of that structure.



8. Moving the Bristol Building.

The High School had a "Bristol" Prefabricated Building, which had to be removed after the construction of the Community Centre. The Primary School wanted this building from the High School. Part of the cost of moving it had to be met by the School Council. This was an extraordinary example of just how the Club and the Community could work together to achieve a fine result. The Rotary Club tendered for the removal and got the job at a price of approximately \$20000, half of which was provided by the Government. The Primary School Council had to pay for its half, while the costs of the removal, such as replacement of the floor, were met by the Club from the Government money.

Virtually all of the labour was supplied by Club members, including the memorable day when the stump holes at the Primary School had to be drilled in solid rock with Pneumatic Drills. Fortunately, one the Rotarians, Geoff Hardinge, had a huge range of equipment including a crane and a truck that he made available.

The job was accomplished with the Club making a handsome profit, after giving back the Primary School payment. Thus the Primary School got the building at no cost to itself.

9. Probus Clubs.

At the prompting of Honorary Member Arthur Daws, the Club was responsible for the establishment of three Probus Clubs in Healesville, two of them in one day, which was a world record.

These Clubs have proved extremely successful and soon had to limit their membership.

10. Gate Keeping.

Under the direction of another of the longtime stalwarts of the Club, Past President Rae Church, for many years the Club manned the Entrance Gates at the Healesville Races and the Healesville Show, as well as the Annual "Music by the Waters" at the Maroondah Reservoir.

Some of these functions have been done as a voluntary service, but the others have proved to be a regular source of income to the Club. Race gates continue to this day.



11. Swimming Pool Project.

In what must be one of the most ambitious projects ever attempted by a Rotary Club, President Jack Hort persuaded the Club to support the building of an indoor heated Swimming Pool at the High School. The Club was involved from the outset in the planning of the pool, and had one of its members, Frank O'Halloran, who was a builder, tendered for the construction on the understanding that the members of Rotary would provide most of the labor. At the same time the Club raised part of the money to meet the cost of the construction.

By the time the pool was completed, the total cost was approximately \$500,000 and the Club had donated approximately \$90,000, as well as providing a huge proportion of the labor. Jack Hort, who had by then retired from his employment, acted as site Foreman and devoted himself seven days a week to his new job.

The project was marred by the accident when scaffolding collapsed and four voluntary workers were injured. Despite this setback, the project was achieved and Healesville now has a facility worth more than \$1,000,000. It is used very extensively by the local community and is regarded as one of the best facilities in Healesville.



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12. Debutante Balls.

The Club conducted one or more Debutante Balls virtually every year since 1982 up until around 2014. These have been an excellent source of funds, as well as bringing very great approval from the local community. For many years the Balls were organized by Jack Hort, then by Lawrie McKee and, after Laurie, Margaret Pike. Following Margaret's resignation, the Balls have been organized by Cheryl Chippendall, wife of past president Robert. The Club is greatly indebted to these members and to Cheryl. Probably more than five hundred girls have made their Debut at a Rotary Ball.



13. Youth Exchange.

The Club became involved in Rotary Youth Exchange in 1980. Since then sixteen students have been hosted and fifteen local students sent overseas on exchange. The details of these students are shown later in this report. Pictured is Belgian Exchange student Justine Dumont with then President Bob Earl. Our Club has earned an incredible reputation for supporting Rotary Youth Exchange, with past President Stuart McDonald having been District Youth Exchange Committee Secretary from 1990 until 2002, succeeding another Healesville past President in Rae Church.

In honour of the late Colin Couper, the Club has established the Annual Award for the Exchange Student submitting the best report on their year away.

Colin Couper was the first Secretary of District 981 Youth Exchange Committee when the District was formed in 1982. Colin transferred to the Rotary Club of Healesville in 1988 and was elected to become president in 1990, but died a few weeks after taking office. Colin was a wonderful Rotarian who served three different Rotary Clubs and his Rotary District.





14. Group Study Exchange.

The Club has assisted in hosting a number of visiting International Group Study Exchange Teams. This has involved escorting the visitors to various points of interest to their exchange, and/or hosting them to meals.

The Rotary Club of Healesville has also had the honour of providing the Leader of an Australian Group Study Exchange Team to Northern Germany. Past President Terry Hill filled that post with distinction. The Rotary Club of Healesville has successfully nominated two Members for Group Study Exchange teams.

15. Moving the Badger Creek School.

Following its success in a number of building projects, coupled with the expertise of Jack Hort in moving a house, the Club was approached to move the old Badger Creek Primary School to make way for the construction of the new school. The building was regarded as of Historical Significance.

The old building was moved across the Badger Creek Road to a new site opposite the Healesville Sanctuary, where it has since been restored to very good condition.



16. Pride Of Workmanship Awards.

Since 1995 the Club has presented a series of awards to local people who have been judged to carry out their jobs in a manner that deserves recognition. Approximately twenty people have been recognized in this way and presented with a plaque to honour their achievement.

It has been very pleasing to see that the recipients have taken pride in displaying their Awards in their workplaces.



17. Miscellaneous Projects.

The Club has conducted a large number of special events that were not continued over an extended period. These activities were either directed towards fund raising, or were intended to assist some local person or organization.

Here is a list of some of these projects.

a. Construction of a B.B.Q and Board Walk at the Don Rd. Complex.



Under the direction of Lawrie McKee the Club constructed a Picnic Shelter, B.B.Q. and Board Walk. The photograph shows the concreting of the floor of the Picnic Shelter. This has been an ongoing project with the facilities being increased year by year.

b. Firewood cutting and delivering.

Several of these were originally conducted under the direction of Ron Goding, who had coopted family members to assist. The firewood was cut from logs by the Rotarians and delivered to needy families in the district.

This project has been reactivated in recent years with many local people receiving the benefit of the free firewood.

c. Market Stall.

In the early days of the Club a couple of stalls were held at the Healesville Sunday Market. These did not prove all that successful.

d. Sawmilling Day.

Ron Goding made the facilities at the Marysville Sawmill available, and the Rotarians provided the labour. The production from the day was then sold for the benefit of the Club.

e. Construction of a B.B.Q. at the St. Leonard's Rd. Retirement Village.

f. Trash and treasure auctions.

Two of these were conducted, but did not prove to very effective as fund-raisers.

g. Boxing Night.

This was a one-off event arranged by Gary Gale, held in the relatively new Community Centre. A large crowd attended, but unfortunately the fighters were in the middle of an industrial dispute and very few were prepared to take part in the bouts. This was one of the few occasions on which the Club felt that it had failed its obligation.

h. Medical Texts to Palestine.

Under the impetus of Rotarian the late Jim McGregor, several shipments of medical texts have been dispatched to Palestine, where such items are in very short supply. Jim managed to involve a number of other District Clubs in this project.

Unfortunately, this program is currently in abeyance because of the ongoing hostilities in the Middle East.

i. Annual Awards at the High School.

The Club now presents an annual Citizenship Award to outstanding students at Healesville High School.

j. World Vision Sponsorship.

During the second year of operation, the Club sponsored a child through World Vision. This project was discontinued due to paucity of information about the sponsored child.

k. Christmas Mardi Gras.

For many years the main street was blocked off on the Friday before Christmas and a B.B.Q provided by members of the Service Clubs for members of the public. This activity is no longer conducted.



Mardi Gras, in past years, a popular Main Street Christmas event

1. Smoke Alarms.

Following a very convincing talk from a fireman who had been involved in a tragic fire in Albury, the Club decided to provide and install smoke alarms to elderly citizens in Healesville.

m. Christmas Hampers.

For many years members of the Club delivered Christmas Hampers to worthy members of the Healesville community.

n . Road Trauma Barbecue.

Our Club has been responsible for operating the barbecues at Open Days at the Coldstream Rose Farm to raise money for the Victorian Road Trauma Committee.

o. Sponsorship of National Youth Science Forum Participants.

Our Club has taken great pride in sponsoring several students who have been selected to participate in the prestigious National Youth Science Forum in Canberra. Not only have our representatives excelled academically, two Phillip Urquigo and Travis Thom were selected to represent Australia at the subsequent International Youth Science Forum. Philip, in Canada and Travis, in South Africa.

p. Sponsorship of students to Camp Awakening.

Camp Awakening is a District initiative in which Year 9 students are invited to participate with a view to improving their self-esteem and leadership. To date more than 30 students have been sponsored to this Program.

q. Model United Nations Assembly.

This is another District Program in which students nominated by individual Rotary Clubs take part at the Victorian Parliament House in a mock United Nations Assembly. Two Students from each of the participating Clubs nominated to represent a specific Country and to take part in a debate on topics that are of importance to that country. Now Club has nominated students over several years and those students have indicated that they believe that taking part in the M.U.N.A. has improved their international understanding.

r. Bowell Scan.

This is another District Project in which the Club has taken part. Members are encouraged to purchase a Test Kit through the Club at a reduced price. Samples of faeces are collected and analyzed to determine whether any blood is present. A positive result is then followed up, usually through the Member's local doctor. To date one of our members with a positive Test result has had a follow-up colonoscopy that revealed that he had cancer in his colon that was then removed surgically. That member believes that he owes his life to Rotary, since he was showing no symptoms of that potentially fatal cancer.

s. Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN).

This is another District Rotary Project in which young people in the 18 to 22 years age range take part in a camp designed to increase their leadership skills. This Program has proved extremely popular with up to four representatives each year funded by the Club.

t. Dogs Day Out.

This has been a very recent innovation in that a one-day event has been held to provide the opportunity for local dog owners to take part in a number of novelty competitions. This started in 2016 and has created considerable favorable publicity for the Club while raising more than \$15,000 to date that has been donated to mainly local sporting clubs.

18. Sponsorship of Women's Refuge in Nepal.

During his year of presidency, Alan Davidson initiated a project to raise funds to support a Women's Refuge in Kathmandu in Nepal. This has become an ongoing project with more than the \$500,000 having been provided including \$28,000 Matching Grant from Rotary International Foundation that was used to establish an organic farm. Approximately \$141,000 has been raised

from the sale of silk scarves produced by the Nepalese women together with many donations. In addition, ongoing university education for a Nepalese student, Sumon Kharel, has been provided in Australia by sponsorship totalling approximately \$150,000. This is an ongoing project.

19. Ron Goding Excellence Award.

As a tribute to the memory of the late Ron Goding, who had made such a wonderful contribution to both the Club and his community, the Ron Goding Excellence Award was devised. The award is

presented each year to a local Group, Business or Individual recognised as demonstrating the high ethical standards and commitment to fair trading epitomised by the late Ron Goding.



Presentation of the first Ron Goding Award to McKenzie's Bus Line Brian Luscombe, Nelson and Nancy Smith.

The award winners to date are:-

Mackenzie's Bus Lines, Healesville (pictured).

Hoogies Hardware, Yarra Glen Healesville Lions Ladies' Opportunity

Shop

Healesville Branch of the State

Emergency Service

Healesville Branch of the Victorian

Ambulance Service

Breen Printing

Healesville Garden Supplies

Toscano's Fruit and Vegetables

Healesville Authorised Newsagency

Sanctuary House Motel

Healesville Building Supplies and Hire

Michael's Trailers
Wild Grains Bakery
Yarra Valley Pasta
Healesville Shoe Repairs
Healesville Stock Feed & Stock Supplies

20. Milking Cow and Goat Project.

Thanks to the initiative of one of the newer members, Wilma Best, the club has raised money to provide milking cows to poor villagers in Kampala, Uganda. Approximately \$28,000, including a Matching Grant from the Rotary Foundation has so far been raised that, in conjunction with the members of the Rotary Club of Kampala, has been used to purchase and house milking cows. Milk from these cows is then used to support the owner-family, with excess milk being sold to other villagers. By December 2010 there were 22 cows in villages in Kampala and four in the farm aid area at the Kariakoma, Kenya site; 26 in all. The number of milking cows is unlimited for Kampala as over 56% of the population are widows. At Kariakoma, Kenya, to provide enough cows' milk at the school compound for up to 250 children then another six heifers, making a total of 10, is the ideal number. The Project has been strongly supported by members of the Rotary Clubs of Kampala and Meru.

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two schools in Uganda and Kenya. They are in extremely poor communities and Sally hopes to improve school facilities as well as providing a new birthing unit to address infant mortality at the Kariakomo Orphanage. This project will be in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Meru in East Africa. To date, more than \$7,000 has been raised from raffles and donations. 20. Milking Cow and Goat Project.

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22. Car Torque Project.

In conjunction with Healesville 3777, a local group dedicated to improving facilities for the Healesville community, Rotary contributed more than \$6,000 to establish a car workshop at the Healesville Living and Learning Centre. In addition, Club Members have assisted with the instruction to young people to help them to learn how to maintain a car and perform repairs. That program has now been transferred to the High School.

23. Bushfire Relief.

Nobody needs to be reminded of the dreadful bushfires of February 7, 2009. Just over a week after "Black Saturday", the Club had established a Bushfire Response Coordinating Group. The Group met weekly until May 2009 and then fortnightly until February 8, 2010, after which it has met on or as required places.



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The Group attended to 126 bushfire related tasks, coordinating expenditure of more than \$204,000. Funding was generally received from donations made by members of the public, businesses, organized nations and Rotary clubs from throughout Australia and overseas.



The Bushfire Response Coordinating Group also sought funding on the half of the Yarra Valley Practitioners Project in Yarra Glen, which resulted in approximately \$202,000 being made available to the Project by the Combined Victorian Rotary Districts Bushfire Fund. The project resulted in extensive counselling to people affected by the bushfires.

The tasks undertaken by the Bushfire Response Coordinating Group enabled the Club to get closely involved with the local community through its connection with fire affected individuals and families, other community members who want to help, other community Service Clubs and organize actions, emergency service organizations, local and state government organisations, committees and personnel as well as members of other Rotary clubs.

Over the time of the Bush file response, much Club Members were involved in Response Group tusks to some extent in areas of leadership, planning, identification of needs, decision making, community liaison, BBQs, working bees etc., as many of the tasks were "hands on". Overall, the Club's response to the bushfire has proved to be an example of excellent service provided in response to dire community circumstances.

As a result of its work in relation to the bushfire recovery process, the Club was recognized by the Yarra Ranges Council with the "2010 Community Group of the Year Award" at Their Australia Day Ceremony. In his speech, the Mayor remarked, "all the clubs do a good job but feels full, in particular, did a great job helping residents who lost houses or property. The RotaryClub is to be applauded for its ability to adapt to the changing needs and provide prompt and quality responses".

Yarra Valley Practitioners Project.

As a direct result of the bushfires, then President Barbara Dickson's daughter, Karen, who has been and International Management Consultant and who is now establishing a clinic in Albert Park, where she coaches sports people and corporate executives in the areas of health and well-being, organized the Yarra Valley Practitioners Project. In the period since the bushfires, Karen has assembled over 70 Complementary and Allied Health Practitioners, Counselors, kinesiologists, naturopaths and homeopaths, relaxation therapist, mesh arts therapists, your debt and meditation teaches, and many more. They have given generously and freely of their time, helping put back together the lives of over 950 people directly, which has a further affect on thousands, who have been indirectly assisted.

24. Great Australian Bike Ride.

Late Past President Geoff Kennedy had taken part in a number of Bike Rides which generate funds for Australian Rotary Health. As result of his contribution, he was recognized in 2009 by the award of Australian Rotary Health Medal.

25. Relay for Life.

In 2003, the Club in conjunction with the Victorian Anticancer Council, organized the first of two fundraising events called "Relay for Life". These were enormously successful, generating more than \$350,000 to support Cancer research.

In addition to the projects mentioned above, there have been a huge number of short term projects such as contributions to the Rotary International Save Water, Save Lives Project, the East Timor Roofing Project for which money was contributed, Donations to Australian Rotary

Emergency Relief Appeals, construction of a pathway and garden at the Healesville Living and Learning Centre, providing seating at Monda Lodge in Healesville, donations to Yarra Valley Singers, assistance to the Healesville Lions Club for Carols by Candlelight, donations to the Life Education Program, substantial contributions to local Fire Brigades and the Local State Emergency Service, donations for equipment at the Healesville Hospital and support to individual local people in need.

26. Healesville Inter-Church Care Incorporated (H.I.C.C.I.) has also received continuing substantial financial support for its charity distributions in Healesville.

27. The Rotary Oceanic Medical Aid for Children Program (R.O.M.A.C.)

which has made spectacular differences to badly deformed children from Third World countries has been supported financially, most recently by the proceeds from the Club's Annual Golf Day.

28. Shelter Boxes.

Rotary International, led by a Rotary Club in Cornwall, has developed an assistance package in the form of a "Shelter Box", which may then be used to provide immediate relief to communities suffering from natural disasters, such as the terrible floods in Pakistan, the earthquake in Haiti and the Indian Ocean tsunami. These boxes, which contain a tent for accommodation, sleeping bags for 10 people, a kerosene stove, tools, utensils, etc. are distributed by volunteer Rotarians. And they each cost approximately \$1,200 and the club has already sponsored seven such boxes.

29. Wheelchairs for Kids.

Rotarians in Perth have initiated a project to build wheelchairs to be given to Third World countries for the benefit of children who are completely incapacitated. Money for this Project is raised by donations and, thanks to the initiative of Past President Barbara Dickson, the sale of out of date magazines. To date, more than \$4,000 has been raised.

In Memory of Members who have passed away. It is with regret that we register the names of members and past members who have died since the formation of the Club.

Viv McInnes P.H.F.	P.P. Ron Goding P.H. F. and Sapphire
P.P. Col Couper P.H.F.	Jim MacGregor P. H. F.
Bill Kennedy P.H.F.	Russ Galli
Col Marriott.	Harry Prewett
George Conway	P. P. Řob. Culton
Harold Flannery	P.P. Jack Hort P. H. F.
Orm McIntyre	P.P. Geoff. Kennedy P. H. F.
John Gentle	P.P. Colin Johanson P. H. F.
Don Blaskett	Leanne Dovaston
Arthur Daws	

We apologise if anyone has been overlooked.

Rotary Exchange Students. **Hosted Students Sponsored Students** 1980 Mike Davey (U.S.A) Jena Church (U.S.A) Mimiko Suzuki (Japan) Andrew Sherman(U.S.A) 1982 Annalise King (Canada) 1984 Mark Hoven (U.S.A) Matts Hillman (Sweden) 1985 1986 Rikka Helama (Finland) Steven Liston (Japan) 1987 Robyn Riggs (U.S.A) 1988 Alison Reid (U.S.A) Nokku Yokuchi (Japan) 1989 1990 Adam Shortis (Japan) Mathew Davidson (Denmark) 1992 Natalie McKee (Norway) 1993 Anne-Sophie Mellem (Norway) Anette Olesen (Denmark) Christie Thompson (U.S.A) 1994 1995 Anders Andreasen (Norway) Ben Forbes (Japan) Leanne Sharples (Finland) 1996 Lisa Randal (Sth. Africa) Ann Wawra (Germany) Michael Love (U.S.A.) 1997 Martin Hanson (Denmark) Rachel Janes (Germany) 1998 1999 Justin Dumont (Belgium) Ingrid Berthelson (Denmark) Felippe Patjane (Mexico) Daniel Schuurman (Switzerland) 2000 Claudio Melletta (Switzerland) Jacqui Sanderson (Belgium) 2001 Julie Geertsen (Denmark) Linden Smith (Germany) 2002 Marion Binder (Switzerland) NastassiaBonderenko-Edwards (Brazil) 2003 Monika Schwartz ((Germany) 2005 Adriana Streahl Ferriera (Brazil) 2006 Kate Anderson (France) 2007 Kate Soubra (Germany) Sophie Lehner (Austria) 2008 Cassie Nugent (Brazil) 2009 Marlee Nebauer (Brazil) Judith Hoffman (Germany) 2013

Alex Gommers (Germany)

2017

Emma de la Morinerie (France)

Paul Harris Fellows.

The Rotary Club of Healesville has used the award of a Paul Harris Fellow to honour persons who it believes have made a significant contribution to the operation of the Club. All but two of the awards have been made to persons who were members of the Club at the time.

Ion Whykes (and 4 Sapphire Pins) Stuart McDonald (and Sapphire Pin)

Ron Goding (and Sapphire Pin)

Jack Hort
Terry Hill
Rae Church (and 2 Sapphire Pins)

Ian Pollock

Col Johanson
Jim MacGregor
Bruce Thomas
David Brown
*Michael Herman

Ian Pollock

Lawrie McKee

Geoff Kennedy

Rod Thom

Faye Symons

Peter Gebert

Buvid Brown

*Michael Herman

*Bill Kennedy

*Mim McGregor

*Jean Church

Wilma Best

Sally Browne

Bob Earl

Peter Henry

Norm Casey (and Sapphire Pin)

Allan Davidson

John Robinson

Greg Suhr

*Nastassia Bonderenko-Edwards

Graeme Chester

Barbara Dickson

Dennis Stanton

David Lazenby

David Brown

Don Fitzgerald (and Sapphire Pin)

David Lau

Derek Jones
*Bruce Best

Doug Symons *Jennifer Kennedy

* Not Club members.

Past President Norman Casey's P. H. F. was awarded by the Rotary Club of Doncaster Sunrise.

What about the good times?

All of the preceding information may give the impression that the members of the Rotary Club of Healesville did nothing other than raise money or perform charitable works. This is far from the truth. Almost every meeting has been enjoyable for the fellowship between the members. Most Rotarians would agree that they have formed deep and lasting friendships through their association with Rotary.

There have been many social occasions, when the normal meeting procedures have been abandoned, and the event devoted entirely to enjoyment. Our Club has taken part in Cricket matches against the School Of Army Health and the other Service Clubs. Perhaps it is symbolic of our aging membership that the physically demanding activities have decreased. In the past we have had Golf competitions, Pool competitions, Rotary picnics and visits to various locations.

In Retrospect.

When the Rotary Club of Healesville was chartered, I expressed the opinion that Healesville needed Rotary, and the Club would serve the area with purpose. I believe that to date the Club has fulfilled this prediction. In monetary terms, the Club has raised and contributed approximately \$2 million since its formation. It would be impossible to estimate the number of hours of voluntary service that members have provided. May I also pay tribute to Past President Rae Church for his assistance in compiling this report.

If the Club has been successful, then it is due to the efforts of many of the individuals who have been members over the years. Forty years is a very long time, and while there are a number of members who have given excellent service, I believe that one member deserves commendation above all others. Past President the late Ron Goding was a shining example to all. His attendance was quite outstanding, and he was always present at any Club function. The motto of Rotary International is "Service above self". Ron epitomised this motto.

Ion Whykes, P.H.F. Charter President, Rotary Club of Healesville.

