

# 1983 - 1984

*This was another splendid year for the Club. Bob Templeman was the President, Charles Pitt was the Secretary, and the District Governor was Ian Hall, from the Rotary Club of Concord.*

Bob reported that club membership at the close of the year of fifty-eight members, reflected a strong and active club, though "we were sorry to lose two of our stalwart members, PP Clarrie Edwards to Blackheath and Dick Routley to Lake Munmorah.

The meetings were enhanced by an endless stream of quality speakers, thanks to the efforts of the programme chairman PP Brian Hennell. Notable was Dame Leonie Kramer and Dr Michael Jones. The club could have set a record in having ten Ladies' nights in addition to a Chinese Christmas Banquet and a Bankstown Theatre Restaurant Party.

By means of the Christmas Stocking and the 200 club, over \$10,000 was raised. The main recipients were: Homebush Boys' High School \$4,000, Downs Syndrome Pre-school \$1,000, Amyotrophic Lateral SSSSSSSCLEROSIS \$1,000 and Rotary Foundation \$1,000.

The club launched into a new era of fund raising, Cash-a-Can. It was hoped that this venture would return \$5,000 to \$6,000 per year.

The most notable achievement was the formation of the second Probus Club, the South Strathfield Probus Club. Don Killip deserves special thanks for his work in the formation of this Club. the Club was in the capable hands of George Hallworth, as Charter President.



The highlights of International Service were:

1. The visit to our Club prior to their departure for the Group Study Exchange Team to Kentucky.
2. The return of Rotary Foundation Scholar, Ann McGillick from the USA who addressed the Club, as did the 1984-85 awardee Patrick O'Carrigan, who also took part in a District Conference with distinction.
3. The initial hosting, under the PACE programme of a student from American Samoa, and the selection of the first student to join this programme.
4. The selection, by District, of three students, selected by our Strathfield/Enfield Committee to join the Rotary Youth Exchange Programme.

The Club maintained its involvement in FAIM, IPAC and WCS and increased its contribution to the Rotary Foundation by 200% which enabled the Club to award a Paul Harris Fellowship to PP Clarrie Edwards, who became the Club's second Paul Harris Fellow.

Youth activities were maintained at a high level; five young people attended the RYLA Seminar. The Rotaract Club, after a somewhat shaky period mid-year, settled down to become a strong club, and Meriden School met Santa Sabina College in the final of the Inter-school Debating Competition, in an exhibition, which had become, under the Chairmanship of PP Maurie Moroney a very enjoyable and successful part of the Club's Rotary Calendar.

