

# 1988 - 1989

*Dr Kevin Lawrenson was the President during this year; Garry Pearce was Secretary, and John Paddison was District Governor.*

This was a special year, in more ways than one. It marked the inauguration of the Strathfield Christmas Carols by Candlelight in Strathfield Park. This spectacular was staged in co-operation with the Strathfield Municipal Council. It was an outstanding success. Someone up there must have been pleased because the threatening skies held off. President Kevin put a great deal of effort into this venture, but the effort that Ray Livett put into it would have to be seen to be believed. How such a normally benign man could work himself up to such a fury, simulated, I suspect, really was beyond the realms of credence. But it got things done!

The main charitable work of the Club was the provision of laparoscopic equipment for the Western Suburbs District Hospital. Both staff and patients profited greatly from this apparatus of modern technology.

It was a special year also of fellowship. There were pleasant Ladies Nights, and enjoyable meetings and sumptuous barbecues at Kevin and Lyn's home.



Without a doubt, the highlight of this Rotary year, and a most significant move for the Rotary Club of Strathfield was its incorporation. PP Maurie Moroney as a member and Past President of the Strathfield Probus Club, had realized the advantages that incorporation had brought to the members of the Probus Club. He suggested to President Kevin that Merv Perry, a chartered accountant, a Probus Club Past President and one-time President of the Rotary Club of Strathfield, should address the members of the Club on this matter. This he did, to such effect that all members were satisfied they needed this protection. Past President Shane Smallwood carried out the extensive work necessary to achieve this result and he also took upon himself the onerous task of Public Officer. Well done, Shane! We members can now sleep comfortably in our beds.

