

1989 - 1990

This was the year Max Douglas was President, Joe Saad was Secretary and Ray Reed was District Governor.

All Rotary Clubs, the world over, I am sure have Golden years. This was, with out doubt, a golden Year for the Rotary Club of Strathfield; or, to use a word, dear to the President, it was a magic Year.

They say so may factors have to coalesce to give us a fine day. So with a Rotary Club, so many factors have to coalesce to give us a Golden Year , and they did this year, from the delightful District Governor and his charming wife, to the President and his lovely wife and most competent board.

The organizing of the Children's Christmas party by Sergeant-at Arms Peter Douglas and his wife Dee, was a purple patch during the year.

The calibre of the Guest speakers was of a high order and PP Brian Hennell is to be congratulated. As well as Club evenings some of the functions were held at the homes of members - John and Judith Elvy, Bert and Carol Houston, Bob and Jan Templeman, and Brian and Jenny Hennell.

According to President Max, the year marked the end of the era; Past President Maurie Moroney retired from the Chairmanship of the Strathfield Rotary Club Inter-School Debating Competition. Maurie had held this office for approximately eleven years, and it was fitting that at this year's final debate, PP Lew Wilson, who donated the Shield during his Presidency, should be present with Madeline, his wife, to present the trophy to the winning team.

The Trees for Survival Project was launched and plans were in hand to officially open the first Shadehouse at West Homebush Primary School, where PP Peter Foss is the Principal, on Arbour Day, 30th July, 1990.

One of the many interesting activities of the year was the friendship visit of the four CAFIO members from Beijing, China.

Thanks were due to Rotarians and their wives who hosted visitors in relation to Youth Exchange, PACE and GSE: Kevin and Lyn Lawrenson, Ed Cummins, Bob and Jan Templeman, Bert and Carol Houston, David and Margaret Croft, Eric and Pauline Khu, Brian and Jenny Hennell and Brian and Cheryl Driver.

Carols by Candlelight was again an outstanding success, thanks in large part to the magnificent and unselfish efforts of George Hallworth.



Rotary Youth Exchange student, Fiona Tarrant and Melissa Glover, returned in January from Sweden and Germany respectively. Kim Hampson left for Sweden.

Our incoming student was the unforgettable Takashi Sato from Japan. Takashi was hosted in turn by Ed Cummins, the Lawrensons, Templemans and Houstons.

President Max reported that the Club began the year with 50 members and that during the year he inducted 16 new members. Max was justly proud of this yearly increase in Club membership which he considered to be a District Record.

A further achievement this year was the distribution of "How to Study" guides and "How to apply for a Job" guides to most High Schools in the district. The guides were provided by Meadow Lea (courtesy of Max Douglas).

A first and outstanding event this year was the well- remembered event Past Presidents' Night at the Strathfield Golf Club. Nostalgia reigned supreme as old Presidents met, some after an absence of many years.

Another cherished memory of this year was the meeting at Strathfield Golf Club to bid farewell to Don Killip and confer an Honouray Membership on him.

A number of Rotarians were privileged to be awarded Paul Harris Fellowships during this outstanding year. At an impressive ceremony at a Ladies' Night PP Maurie Moroney and PP Brian Hennell had this honour conferred upon them, and on a solemn occasion at the changeover meeting, PP David Croft, PP Bob Templeman, PP Ron Thurgar and Rotarian John Watkins were similarly honoured.