# 1990 - 1991

*Dr Brian Driver was President, Angelo Franco was Secretary, and Doug Stewart was the District Governor.*

This Rotary year was on balance "basically" a good year. Those who were members of the Club during this time will appreciate the significance of the word in inverted commas.

President Brian made a commitment to members that meetings would be short, and would finish on time. He honoured this commitment.

His year could perhaps be best summed up in his own words " My year as President has been a year of high and lows, trial and error, energy and frustration, satisfaction and disappointment.
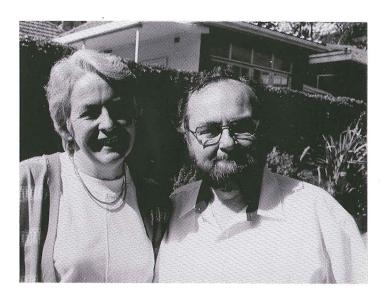
Some of the highlights of the year were: the Italian Dinner, Auction for the Royal Blind Society, Community Chest Raffle, Carols by Candlelight and the Roving Barbecue.

The Club accumulated a gross budget of $100,000 and $3,000 clear of debt was handed over to the in-coming Board.

The Changeover Dinner on board Matilda IV on Sydney Harbour was a distinct novelty.





The year began with 61 members following a very healthy increase during 1989 - 1990 and gained eight new members during the year. This gain was largely off-set however, by the loss of six members.

Members inducted during the year were Ian Albertson, Ted Ingall, Vince Coorey, Ross Maiorana, Tony Di Carlo, Mark Young, Rob Hollings, Peter Kilkeary. Those who left were: Ian Duffield, John Shone, George Hanlon, Rod Thyer, Peter Harries and Bob Moller.

A potted history of this year could be brought to a close with mention of two outstanding examples of community service.

PP Max Douglas led the Club's response to the call for "Trees for Survival". This involved the building of a shadehouse at Homebush West Public School, whose Principal was PP Peter Foss. Several hurdles had to be crossed, initially, but the team pressed on with enthusiasm, and the first batch of plants were harvested.

And finally, Peter Manenti had the honour of being made a Paul Harris Fellow. This was a worthy honour bestowed upon a worthy Rotarian.