

**1995-96**

Jean Cochrane did a second year in a row as President as much as anything to build on her success in growing the club the previous year.

**1996-97**

Brian Hutchinson was a manager from the nearby large NEC electronics complex at Brandon Park. He had an air of professionalism and concern, especially for kids being helped under the ROMAC programme.

**1997-98**

Bob Millen, an engineer involved in heavy earth moving plant sales and Scout leader assumed Presidency.

**1998-99**

Ralph Zuccaro a local optician and second time President led the club

**1999-20**

Richard Simmons another recycled Past President and ex Rotaractor led the club.

Never Too Old was held at the Clayton Hall with local member Hong Lim and about 300 people in all were fed. Entertainment was by some students from Westall Secondary, some young friends of Rotarians and the Music Man.

Soft Toys were supplied to Interplast Laos.

Inhtala came to the club after Interplast Surgery after a serious gangrenous infection had eaten are lot of her mouth and face away. The cost was paid by seven Monash Group Rotary clubs and the Clayton Rotaract Club. She looked tremendous and her family was thrilled at the end result.

## **2000-01**

Jon Breisch an ex Clayton Rotaractor assumed Presidency under some pressure as his wife was pregnant with twins delivered early in his year.

5 year old Kim Thoa Nguyen arrived from Vietnam had successful surgery over Easter under the club's ROMAC sponsorship. She had 16 hours of operations and attended the club along with several of the ROMAC plastic surgeons. Trish Hutchinson was present and was presented with a plaque acknowledging the wonderful work Brian did on behalf of the club and ROMAC.

Paul Senziuk left for St Petersburg our Ambassadorial Scholar left for St Petersburg to study AIDS for three months.

In September a Joint Meeting with Mt Waverley was held.

In October Clayton Rotaract ran the Rotary meeting with guest speaker David Cochrane talking on the new Synchrotron being built in Clayton.

The ladies ran the Opportunity Shop 339 for three weeks and raised \$4,000 for Interplast.

During the year PP Brian Hutchinson passed away while attending a ROMAC meeting. He had assumed Australian leadership of that Rotary initiative. On April 30<sup>th</sup> Lodge members presented in memory of Brian a cheque to ROMAC for \$400.

100 years since Federation was celebrated at a joint meeting of the Monash Group Clubs at Glen Waverley.

John Barnes took on running the National Interplast programme and set about getting all Districts supporting Interplast.

Aaron Ta and Patricia Peronace from Westall Secondary College were sponsored to attend MUNA 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of May.

Rumesh Wickramasinghe, born in Australian of Indian background, Vuthy Seng from Cambodia 4 years ago and Kim Sor Khor also from Cambodia 4 years ago, all year 10 students from Westall Secondary College were sponsored to RYLA.

Simon Pearce a student at Scotch College was selected for Finland by a joint committee of Mt Waverley and Clayton Rotarians.

Club Changeover was held at Warren Fricke's home at 30 Highfield Rd Canterbury and Jon Breisch received the inaugural Bill Norling Attendance Award.

## **2001-02**

Warren Fricke a local Pharmacist and purchaser of the former Fulton's Pharmacy in Clayton and an avid and able cricketer also and arrived back from playing on the 2001 Rotary Cricket Fellowship Tour to England at 2.am on the day of the changeover.

Early in the year he laid an emphasis on Membership Development. We had speakers from the President to awardees for RYLA, RYPEN, MUNA, the exchange students Anne Strandgaard and Simon Pearce and ambassadorial scholar Paul Sendziuk.

A major all-club involvement was planting pumpkins at John Goldspink's farm at Pearcedale which thrived, as did the weeds and members eating Mary Goldspinks marvelous sponge cakes. \$1,000 was raised from sale of the pumpkins.

Student Exchange was revisited by Clayton when Bill Sides, at a recent Joint meeting with Mt Waverley, offered to host a student. It became a joint club exchange with Anne Strandgaard from Denmark arriving in August and Simon Pearce from Scotch College going to Finland in January. We also saw often at meetings the club's first success at sending an Ambassadorial Scholar, a Paul Sendziuk who went to Russia to study AIDS.

Peter Gavin a cricket coach and Mohammed Ali Millwala, a Rotaractor were sponsored to attend RYLA camp at Mt Evelyn.

On 25<sup>th</sup> of August we held a Trivia Quiz Night at Dixon House and on October 29<sup>th</sup> a Crime Prevention Seminar was held for all Clayton Traders.

On Cup Eve we joined with Rotaract in a games night at the RSL which they ran with all proceeds to Ronald McDonald House then a few days later on November 19<sup>th</sup> had a joint meeting with Mt Waverley to hear the two Exchange Students speak.

PP Alan Fulton passed away after a lengthy illness in November.

Never Too Old for Christmas ran well as usual. The venue was changed to the RSL with the RSL taking care of cooking and serving.

Kelly Allen a Rotaractor for ten years was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship, only the second Rotaractor to be so honored. It was given in joint sponsorship with Rotaract.

A Rotary Shop at 339 Clayton Road was run for two weeks before Christmas mostly by ladies in Rotary with great success. The \$2,000 proceeds went to Interplast.

The Westall Student Council presented a cheque for \$1276.10 for Interplast the result of selling glasses of wine poured from a \$400 bottle of Grange Hermitage wine.

Five students from Westall were sponsored to the Siemens Science Experience at Monash University.

A visit to Ralph Zuccaro's new vineyard was held on January 13<sup>th</sup> followed by a cricket match against Rotaract won by Rotary by one run?? \$ 382 was raised.

The Golf Day was run at Spring Valley on the hottest day of summer. Moira Fulton attended to present the Alan Fulton Clayton Memorial Shield and raised \$6090.

Kathryn Shedden gave birth to Courtney and a memorable conference was attended by many members at Shepparton.

Other charities to receive help were the Salvation Army, the Organ Donor registry, the East Timor Roofing Project and Dixon House Food Bank.

Jackie Richard was sent to RYLA. She had an impressive record in youth work.

Five members achieved 100% and many were not far off and three new members were inducted including past Rotaractor and PHF Kelly Allen.

Membership had 14 out of 21 less than 50 years of age with a good gender mix. Meals were cheap at \$ 10, far cheaper than most clubs as was membership fees.

Changeover Night was at Monash Gateway Motel. and the year was reported. Rotaract despite depleted numbers under Trina Reidl reported raising some \$3,000 with support of Ronald McDonald House, Dixon House, Rotary Foundation and more.

## **2002-03**

John Barnes was another second time President, 19 years after his first go. He reported that still on the agenda from then was Interplast and Golf.

Contact with Ampang was maintained with bulletin exchanges.

Anne Strandgaard returned to Denmark after telling us she learnt English at school in Denmark, but it was not spoken here!

We had Polio Plus Collection Tins in shops and number plate surround sales to meet our Polio Plus obligations,

Westall Secondary kids collected soft toys. Some of our Interplast soft toys were identified in Hanoi! \$ 5,500 was forwarded to Interplast.

BBQ's at the Good Guys were held regularly using a BBQ donated by Richard Simmons. \$750 was raised in 4 hours one night and around \$6,000 for the year!

The Monash Medical Adolescent Psych unit had received computer from us prior got added software cost \$80. These computers see extensive use.

Cheques of \$1,000 were given to Fusion and Ronald McDonald House, the Op shop set a target of \$3,000 to fund another team to Laos. A grant of \$1,000 was given to the club from Monash Council towards next years Never Too Old for Christmas.

US \$1,320 was provided for a stroke rehabilitation house built by Ampang Rotary Club.

Five Indonesian orphans education was again sponsored and the Monash raffle was supported.

Golf Day was held with about 80 playing at Spring Valley

A group of 24 Clayton people attended the Geelong conference wearing Cats footy gear on the Saturday night and being treated to a sumptuous BBQ by Ralph Zuccaro.

Simon Pierce returned from Ahtari in Finland.

\$ 1,000 was donated to the Gippsland Bush Fire Appeal and Neil Rickard put together display kits with burnt fencing for shop displays.

The Rotary Op Shop was mounted again late in the year aiming to raise \$ 2,000 and \$2,200 raised bringing the shop returns for the year up to \$ 7,700.

Michael Ellinger got a club web site up and it is very very good.

## **2003-04**

Neil Rickard ran a photo shop and jeweler and was deeply involved in the local village and could be seen all year scooting around in a tiny Niki car loaded with Rotary stuff.

A club assembly was held on the first week and it was resolved not to toast the Queen in future. The New Generations Committee was split up and shared now with Vocational, Community and International who take it in turn to run the Good Guys sausage sizzle. Club fees were kept at \$220 per year.

It was considered desirable to create a new Probus Club in Clayton.

Rotaract had one member last year, began the year with four and a prospective.

September 19 saw the charter being presented to Springvale City with Chinese Dragon in attendance and the meeting changed so many Clayton members were present.

In November Jon Breisch resigned as he had been transferred across town.

Neil had a whole Niki full of Rotary Plum Puddings and Whisky Cakes on sale.

A basketball ring was given the Adolescent Psych unit at Monash Medical Centre. It is said there that exercise was as important as medication.

The Opportunity Shop was run for 2 weeks in December as was Never Too Old for Xmas with 200 aged being fed.

In February a club meeting was held at the Grange where Leslie Zuccaro's mother Mrs. Spice showed us the flora and rehabilitation being done to the tract.

Glenda Rose was inducted to membership.

A large number of members attended the district conference in Hobart. A rough resemblance of the Spirit of Tasmania was assembled for the Saturday night. \$500 was raised for Interplast from Number Plate Frames at the conference.

Raffle books for the Monash Community Raffle were again sold.

A Teddy bear was dressed in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Ampang Malaysia for the coming District Teddy Auction.

Bill and Dianne Sides and Jean and Jim Cochrane hosted members of a Friendship Exchange from Peterborough in the UK.

Three students from Westall attended Rypen.

President John handed over a cheque for \$1000 to Ronald MacDonald House for their 100's and 1000's drive. Our club was reported as the second donor last and this year!

\$500 was sent to the Child and Family care Network for a two year commitment for the El Ali family for special shoes and clothing.

As no success had been had at membership growth, it was suggested we should merge with another club. That was considered not an option.

The idea of a Rotary Park on the Clayton tip sites was mooted by Glenda Rose.

The inaugural Bill Norling apprenticeship award at Chisholm was presented.

Dixon House was supported throughout the year via its Food bank support and Very Special Kids received \$1000 to aid local police running a fun day fundraiser in memory of a local student.

Rotary Op shop raised \$4,900 for Interplast which with conference sales amounted to \$5,500 total. Collection all year of facecloths, bibs and soft toys for Interplast teams.

Cooking of over 2596 sausages at the Good Guys raised \$4,600

Rotary Health Research fund benefited by \$ 1,278, Share in matching grant for training farmers in Bangladesh \$ 1,300, Child and family care network \$250, East Timor support for school and 4 wheel drive \$1,500, Golf Day raised over \$7,000  
Transport cost for books etc for volunteer going to Ghana. \$900.  
Citizenship awards to six students at local schools \$240, Wheelchair Foundation \$ 240

Monash Adolescent Psyche ward at Monash received \$400

Sold plum puddings and Monash Community raffle tickets.

Bill Norling Award to Automotive apprentice support \$360, Never too Old for Christmas cost \$ 3,750, Polio Plus \$1,300, Rotary Foundation \$1,400, RAWs – educating children in Indonesia \$330 RYPEN \$450, Science Summer School \$180.  
Very special kid's day run by Police. Donated \$1,000 for hire of amusements. (They raised \$40,000 on day)

Food collections for Dixon House. These involve cashing vouchers at supermarkets and picking up cartons at distribution centres as well as financial support throughout the year.

Hosted a GSE team from Sacramento USA, took them to Fort Nepean and an opal dealer.

Changeover Night was held at the Kingswood Golf Club.

## **2004-05**

Michael Ellinger an ex Rotaractor and Quality Engineer at Bosch was President.

### **July**

- We joined 8 other clubs for the joint meeting of the Glen Kinross group and some certain president tried to take over the show.

### **August**

- Governors Teddy Bear auction where we dressed and auctioned off our bear Clayton Ampang and raised \$550 towards Rotary Foundation. Our Bear was the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest bid on the night. (all up over \$25,000 was raised)
- The Rotaract Club of Clayton held an interest meeting by running a Rotaract meeting using ex-Rotaractors as the board members. The rest is history as this year they doubled their membership.
- We had an international night where the district international board spoke about various projects including: Peter Morgan on MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly), Jackie Gleason on Rotarians against Malaria, Ron Dickson on ROMAC, Bill Farugia on Interplast & Adrian Clifford on Wheelchairs for Kids.

### **September**

- John Barnes: appointed assistant Governor for 2005-2006.
- DG Denis Hyland and Mandi visit our club for the DG's official visit. During this visit I think Dennis cuts his first cake as part of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year for Rotary.

### **October**

- We held our Community Trivia night. In all \$3000 was raised on the night which was split between the 6 groups present on the night.  
Monash Scouts  
St Johns Pre School  
Neighbourhood Watch  
Rotaract Club of Waverley  
Rotaract Club of Clayton  
Children of Nepal  
The night was a great success and achieved all it was set out to achieve. To raise money for the local community by involving local groups in a fun and enjoyable event. To raise the profile and awareness of Rotary and especially the Rotary Club of Clayton.
- We helped with the McDonalds drive thru where the proceeds went to Romac. Our club helped in the raising of \$113.

### **November**

- We had our HUGE Garage sale at Safety Beach and rose over \$1500 towards Interplast. Thank you to Jim & Jean Cochrane for supplying their home.
- We were also part of the 4<sup>th</sup> International Convention for Rotary cricketers at the Hunter Valley in NSW where we had Warren Fricke as part of the Australian team.

### **December**

- We learnt that PP Jean Cochrane had spent over 400 hours knitting boots for Interplast.
- Never too Old for Christmas was held and was a great success.
- Our annual Christmas part was held at Pelicans Pantry in Hastings
- The deadly Tsunami hit countries in South Asia and part of Africa. Our club immediately donated \$5000 to Care Australia to help out these communities.

### **January**

- During this month we held our meeting at various members home to break up our normal routine.
- We help celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of Ralph Zuccaro and we were also in attendance to the official launch of the wine label “6 acres”.
- We held our 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf day with great success and rose over \$7,000. On the day we presented a cheque of \$900 to World Vision towards the Tsunami Appeal.

### **February**

- This is the month where we started to get involved with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rotary.
- We were part of the Glen Kinross cluster group meeting where 8 clubs got together and held a big birthday party and had fun.
- We held the International & Youth Night we invited the local schools to attend and gave talks about projects including: MUNA, RYPEN, RYLA, Rotarians against Malaria, Interplast, etc.
- We also helped the district out with providing Kelly Allen as a counselor for Sky Bivens an Ambassadorial Scholar from the United States.
- Also we helped out with looking after the GSE team from Iowa in the US for a day and touring them around the local area and finally a BBQ at the home Bill & Dianne Sides.
- We held our second big garage sale at Safety Beach and rose over \$1200 which went towards the Tsunami Orphans appeal.

### **March**

- We were involved in the Synchrotron Open Day where we cooked and gave away over 3000 sausages and sold over 1400 soft drinks. In all we raised over \$4000. We were also supported on the day from ex-members Bob Millen & Heather

Norling, partners, daughters and mothers of Rotarians, members of the Clayton Rotaract club and also two members from St Peters church in Clayton, Albert & Suresh.

- We had six members from our club attend the District Conference.

### **April**

- We celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> birthday and were honored to have three of our original charter members in attendance (Bob Minter, Ed Allchin & Kevin Beaumont) We were also lucky enough to have in attendance Allan James who was the Governors special representative for the formation of the Rotary Club of Clayton. On the night we gave a PHF to Gaye Barnes. I would like to thank John Barnes & Warren Fricke for all the effort put in to organise the night.
- We also donated 5 benches to Heatherton Park as part of our contribution to the local community and part of the 100 years of Rotary celebrations.

### **May**

- This month Warren Fricke was off again to represent Australia with the International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians on their Ashes tour of England.
- We awarded the Bill Norling Award to an apprentice at the TAFE College in Dandenong.

### **June**

- Two Rotarians from our club were honored by Rotaract District 9810 and were awarded the Rotary/Rotaract award in recognition of great loyalty, dedication and service to Rotaract.

As well during the year we sent students to RYPEN, MUNA and the Siemens Science School and also two Rotaractors to RYLA. We sponsored 5 Indonesian students. We gave money towards Wheelchairs for Kids.

We were involved in Toss the Coin and the Monash Community Raffles. We bought Christmas cards and puddings. We also sponsored a Christmas tree for the Monash Adolescent unit.

We performed our Food bank runs to support Dixon house.