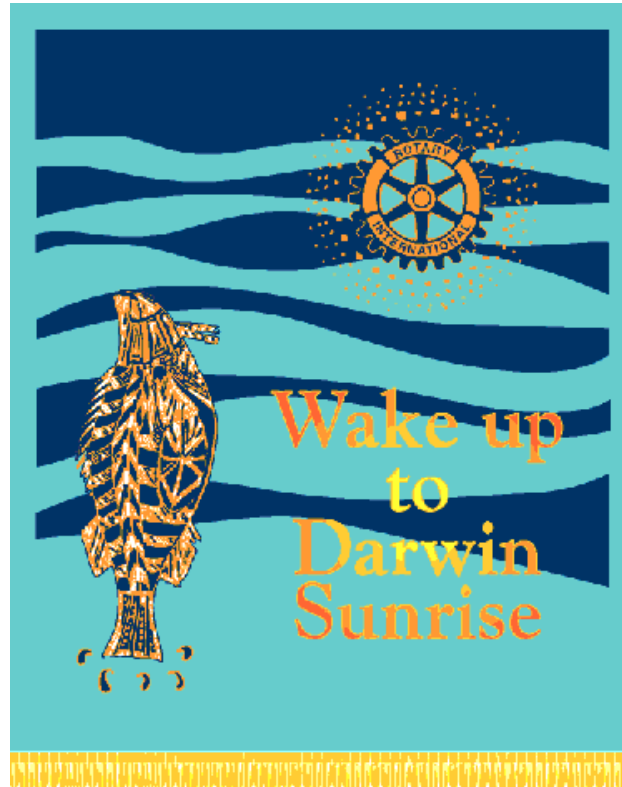




The Rotary Club
of
Darwin Sunrise

The
First
16 Years
1989-2005



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FOREWORD

By Historian Alan Powell - Emeritus Professor of History, Charles Darwin University and Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise.

In Rotary's Centennial year 2005 it is timely to remember the achievements of both Rotary International and the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise.

Rotary was founded in the last years of true liberalism, when British historian, Lord Acton, could say that history equated with progress and all understanding was within reach of humankind.

Rotary's ideals reflect that view; fairness, truth, peace, service. Nine years after Rotary's founding came the First World War. The ideals of the European Enlightenment died in the carnage of Gallipoli and the Western Front; and the history of the world since then has borne out Acton's more famous dictum, that all power tends to corrupt and absolute power tends to corrupt absolutely. Hitler, Stalin, Mao and a host of lesser dictators and oligarchs across the face of the earth have spread fear and hatred, murder and oppression on a scale never seen before: The past century has been by far the bloodiest in world history. Yet the spirit of hope, of belief in a better world, remains—and is nowhere more clearly seen than in the growth and worldwide reach of Rotary.

Rotarians must now contend with a world of rapid change and instant communication beyond human imagination a hundred years ago-- but they have retained and shared widely the best of the ideals that underlie all true civilisations. All honour to them; and may the next hundred years of Rotary International see Rotary ideals grow stronger yet.

The content of this book is living proof that the Rotary spirit is alive and constantly put to practical use in the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise. Yet the Club's founders moved decisively with the times in scheduling tightly time-controlled breakfast meetings and, above all, in the full acceptance of women members in the Club Charter.

Thus the best of the old order has been retained and the worst rejected; and there can be no better testimony to true partnership in community service than the continuing success of Darwin Sunrise. Long may it be so.

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PREFACE

Our club celebrated its fifteenth birthday on Monday 26th July 2004. In recognition of that milestone it was decided that during Rotary's Centennial Year the club's history would be documented. Whilst acknowledging our comparative 'youthfulness' it was considered prudent to make a start in bringing the many threads of our first fifteen years together into a booklet format as a 'club history'. The opportunity was also taken to place a greater emphasis on our sixteenth year as we join Rotarians throughout the world and celebrate 100 years of Rotary in 2005.

To answer the question who and what is Darwin Sunrise? We must first ask 'who' and 'what is Rotary'? The intent of this preface is to provide as an introduction to our club, a brief overview of Rotary, its beginnings, its object and ideals and where our Club fits into the family of Rotary International.

We neglect our past at our peril and it is so easy to forget that it is in the present that history is actually being made. Our club, regrettably, has not always been diligent in the short sixteen years of its existence with a great deal of material and data lost to us forever. The History Working Party recommends a renewal of effort to ensure the preservation of future documentation on who and what we are and what we do. It is further suggested that this document be digitally updated every year. Finally it is recommended that the club's history be reprinted at least every five years but no longer than ten years.

WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary is an organisation of business and professional people, united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in their vocations and help build goodwill, understanding and peace in the world.

Rotary does not discriminate on grounds of race, religion, nationality or gender. The religious and political beliefs of Rotarians are regarded as being their own concern and it is expected that they will be faithful to their religion and loyal to their citizenship. Where pronouns of the masculine gender are used in any documentation they include the feminine.

Each Rotary club meets weekly so that members may discuss the club's goals and enjoy each other's Fellowship. Membership is by invitation, and is on the basis of representation from business and professions through a classification system. This ensures a membership from a wide cross section of the community. Rotary International is the association of all Rotary clubs worldwide.

Rotary clubs involve themselves in a wide range of community, cultural and environmental projects to meet the specific needs of their community and contribute to goodwill, understanding and peace through the ideal of service to the wider world community.

OUR DISTRICT



The 53 Rotary Clubs of Rotary District 9550 cover twenty percent of the Australian continent or about 1.5 million square kms. The district covers approximately the northern half of Queensland and the Northern Territory (NT) combined. In a district this size there is an enormous range of geographic diversity. It includes the lush rainforests of the tropical north coast of Queensland, Kakadu National Park just outside Darwin in the NT and the arid outback of western Queensland and the NT. The remote areas of Thursday Island and the Torres Strait are found in the northern part of our District whilst the south is bounded by Tennant

Creek (NT) and Airlie Beach (QLD). The District was extended in 2002 to include the Rotary Club of Dili, in Timor Leste.

The district family tree was commenced in 1926 when the Rotary Club of Melbourne (established 1921) sponsored the Rotary Club of Townsville. Then in 1930, Townsville sponsored Cairns, and the Cairns Club went on to sponsor Innisfail in 1937.

A further five clubs were established in the 40s, ten more in the 50s, six in the 60s, five in the 70s, fifteen in the 80s and three in the 90s. The year 2000 saw the establishment of a further three clubs and this was followed in 2002 with the addition of Dili and Magnetic Island.

Our District is divided into six administrative groups. The Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise is in Group 1 and comprises all the Darwin, Nhulunbuy, Katherine and Tennant Creek clubs, all within the northern part of the Northern Territory. The Rotary Club of Dili was included in Group 1 in 2002.

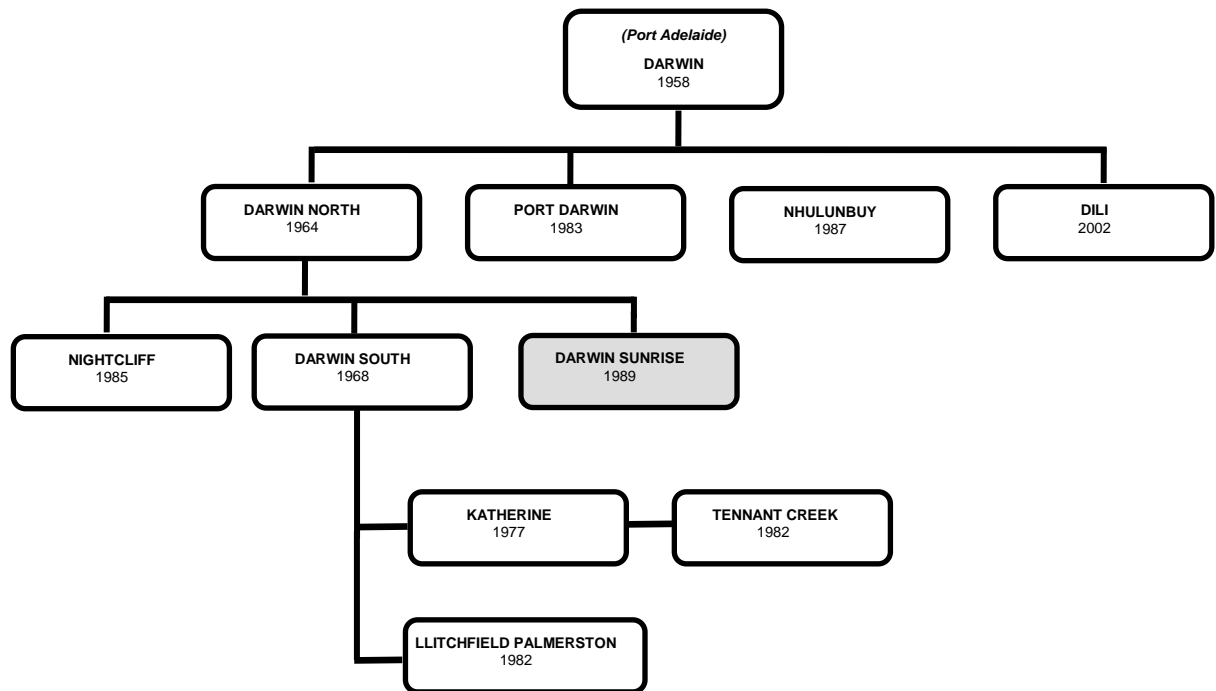


The group approach adopted by our district enables much closer linkages between clubs within a defined geographic area. Each group has an Assistant Governor and appointed group representatives for many of the district committees. This devolved structure promotes greatly improved communications within our vast and diverse district.

The District Governor (elected annually) is an officer of Rotary International and is directly responsible for the administration of the district. The district headquarters rotates from group to group usually based on the District Governor's location. Similarly many of the district officers and committees come from the District Governor's group for administrative convenience.

The District Governor makes an official visit to each club early in the Rotary Year to receive and consider the club report on its past performance and intentions for the current year.

Our Group 1 has its own family tree that was started in 1958 when Port Adelaide Club sponsored the Rotary Club of Darwin. Rotary in the Northern Territory got off to a rather slow start with only a further two clubs established in the 60s and one in the 70s. The 80s saw a dramatic leap in interest and activity with six clubs being established (the last being Darwin Sunrise in 1989). The 90s saw no change to the situation and it was generally agreed that the Northern Territory, at that stage, had reached saturation point.



OUR BEGINNINGS

The provisional club of Darwin Sunrise started meeting in April 1989 with the aim of chartering July 1st, however the District Governor (DG) at the time had other ideas. It was reported that a Rotary Club admitting women was “not to be chartered on his watch “ and the Charter was blocked until after handover of the new Rotary year giving us the unusual Charter Date of 26th July 1989.

The Charter President Tom Williams was further put out to find Darwin Sunrise listed in the District Governor’s bulletin amongst the delinquent clubs where dues were unpaid at 30th June 1989. He made the point in a strongly worded letter to the District Finance Committee ‘that if the Club had been chartered they would have been happy to pay the fees’.

Past District Governor (PDG) Guan Teik Yeo was the driving force behind the decision to start the new breakfast club:



Guan Yeo, a medical practitioner / acupuncturist conducted a unique blend of eastern and western medicine in downtown Darwin. Taking on the District Governorship, with his Canadian born wife Nancy, in 1987/88 he took the unusual (and expensive) step of hiring a locum to run his practice for 3 months while he was conducting his club visits. With the governorship behind him, the next challenge was to start another Rotary Club in Darwin, a town that already had a meeting every day of the week. This led to the usual objections from existing clubs such as diluting the fundraising abilities and of course stealing membership.

An extension committee was formed consisting of the following members with provisional meetings commencing at the RSL Club initially in the evenings (Some habits are hard to change!).

- ◆ Andrew Leo
- ◆ Bob Wheeler
- ◆ George Fyson
- ◆ Geoff Dawson
- ◆ John Cook
- ◆ Guan Yeo

The Charter Breakfast

Much of the correspondence regarding this magnificent breakfast seemingly came as a personal letter from President Tom Williams. In fact mail merge technology was used to substitute any personal names with a database collection, quite modern for the time. You can see an example below where Nick and Liz would become David and Jill on the next print.


With over 240 attendees the actual event was a grand show. It was held in what is now called the Holiday Inn (previously known as The Beaufort) and all the local Rotary Clubs were represented along with those as far away as Kununurra.

Charter gifts from other Rotary Clubs are a traditional part of a new club's formation and along with the usual gifts like the sergeant's fine collectors we still use today were some that eventually outlived their usefulness. The original gong still fails to produce an audible sound no matter how hard it is hit.

We also received a magnificent timber box on wheels which was quite a work of art, designed for storing member's badges (Some clubs store them on site). As this was not the practice of Darwin Sunrise the box became the receptacle for bottles of wine, banners and other bits and pieces. As storage space became a premium at meeting venues, it had to be disposed of and we were lucky to find that the Rotary Club of Kununurra was looking for such a device. Our Charter gift rests there to this day

The new Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise targeted its membership to young, busy people, a number with young families, and so it was thought appropriate to provide child minding facilities for Club events. In the case of the Charter breakfast there was capacity for around 40 children.

Sample of the form letter sent to all attendees, mail merge facilities used to give the personal touch.


The Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise

30 October, 1989

Rotarian Nick Green
The Rotary Club of Kununurra
Fax # 091 682437

Dear Nick,

Thank you for accepting our invitation to the Charter of our new club. We have had over 240 acceptances and we are sure we can offer you a really enjoyable time. Our printed program is not ready yet, so I have included the schedule of events here, and thought I should also give you a few extra details.

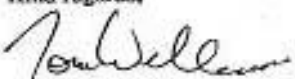
First of all, the venue is to be the Beaufort Hotel, and the address is Territory rd. We are arranging the seating so there is an even mix of clubs at each table, including Rotaractors and the exchange students who are coming along with their host families. You will be directed to your table by our fellowship officers.

Fruit, preserves, juice and croissants will be on the table. It is customary in our club to start enjoying your meal as soon as you take your seat. At 10.35 we will have a break in proceedings to enjoy the hot buffet, Danish pastries and other delights. The champagne you find in the centre of the table will be for the toast to the new club. Our Guest Speaker is the Hon Marshall Perron M.L.A.

The charge of \$23 covers the buffet breakfast, a souvenir napkin for each guest, entertainment from a trio of excellent musicians, (the fourth is playing bridge!), a generous door prize and a really fun time.

The Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise is paying for creche facilities in the city, staffed by qualified child minders. Parents wishing to take advantage of this are asked to ring Julie Kelly on 471017 and tell her how many children you would like minded, and their ages. There is a limit on the numbers the centre can take, but we have estimated around 40 children will need minding, so we should be able to cater for most. Children can be dropped off at 9.30 and need to be collected by 12.45. There is no charge.

If you have any questions at all, please ring either Julie Kelly or myself on 471017. Thank you Nick, I look forward to seeing you and Liz on the fifth, and trust you will have a truly enjoyable time.

Kind regards,

Tom Williams
PRESIDENT

OUR CHARTER



Darwin Sunrise Rotary president, Mr Tom Williams, is officially welcomed to the fold by district governor, Mr Jim Smith.

Sunrise clocks up plenty of firsts

By CAP CHANDLER
Rotarians rise to new challenges

Darwin Sunrise Rotary Club officially started its life as part of Rotary International yesterday morning, but it already has notched up a few Darwin and Territory firsts to its credit.

Darwin Sunrise introduced the five existing clubs within the city limits to morning meetings, the largest Rotary meeting Darwin has seen, child-minding facilities and female members.

Sunrise charter president, Mr Tom Williams, said the club had received an enthusiastic response from Darwin's business, professional and executive community.

It started with 40 charter members and Rotary International's director-elect, Mr Kevin Harde, of Taree, NSW, said he had not heard before of an Australian Rotary Club starting with so many members.

Darwin Sunrise started as a provisional club in April and now has 42 members, including the NT's first two women Rotarians.

Ms Noelene Biermann, who is the head of nursing at Darwin Hospital, and Ms Jane

and much of northern and western Queensland.

Mr Williams said it was important for a new club to receive its charter from the district governor, but he had not expected Mr Smith to drive from Mt Isa to be at the ceremony.

Mr Smith congratulated and welcomed Darwin Sunrise as part of what was the world's first service organisation, founded in 1905, and which now has more than 1 770 000 members.

He said Rotary was "a miniature model of a world of peace".

Another highlight of the occasion was a presentation to Mrs Joan Johnston, the wife of the former NT Administrator, of a Paul Harris Fellowship.

The presentation was made on behalf of all Darwin Rotary clubs in recognition of Mrs Johnston's years of community service.

Mr Williams said the meeting had been excellent and was one "Darwin Rotarians will remember for a long time".

For details on Darwin Sunrise, contact Mr Williams during business hours on 47 0017.

The earlier board meetings were attended by a relatively huge number of members (Tom Williams, Clive Weeks, Colin Collard, Geoff Dawson, Peter Kelly, Alan Powell, Martyn Wilkinson and Guan Yeo - 9 members), and early records show that board meetings commenced at 7.30 pm and commonly finished around 11.00 pm !

The Club was one of the early Rotary clubs to incorporate.

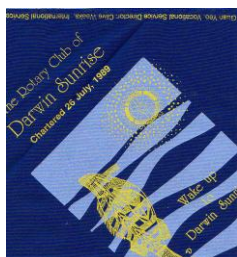
Earlier projects included supply of an aqualift to the Salvation Army Aged Home, while the Indonesian Language Studies Prize was shelved until there was an actual Indonesian Language Studies course at the University.

The first 15 months of the Club financial records indicated a turnover of \$78,000 with \$23,000 raised from the Gala Fund Night, unfortunately \$24,000 was spent on the same event, resulting in an overall loss. It was also noted that \$2,750 was spent on Christmas puddings in the same period!!

CHARTER MEMBERS

Chartered on 26th July 1989 with the following 33 members.

Name	Classification
Tom Williams	Business Consultancy
John Burton	Information Systems
Brian Slatter	Building Societies
Steve Glennon	Investment Advising
PP Dan Styles	Cinemas
Harry Coehn	Personnel Management
Andrew Leo	Govt Building Services , Electrical
Clive Weeks	Project Management
Chris Wardle	Desk Top Publishing
Graeme Dennehy	Engineering Maintenance
Geoff Spring	Education Administration
Sivaram Vemuri	University – Economics
PDG Guan Yeo	SA (Medicine, General Practice)
Geoff Dawson	Steel Products Distribution
Barry Haydon	Statistic Analysis
Bob Woodward	Management Consultancy
Tony Hourigan	Airlines International
Colin Collard	Accounting Chartered
PP David Newton	SA (Public Utility – Electricity)
Peter Rundle	Banking Retail
Alan Powell	University – Faculty of Arts
Peter Gumley	Telecommunications national
Gerry Swan	Insurance General
Martyn Wilkinson	Road Freight Management
Max Chalmers	Hospital Management
Peter Dabovitch	Import Substitution
Gordon Onn	Marine Retail
Neil Bromley	Truck Sales & Service
Frank Lam	Restaurants
Peter Kelly	Paint Distribution
Dave Cormack	Real Estate
PP Tim Dwyer	Refrigerated Transportation
Jim Thomson	University Administration



INAUGURAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Charter President	Tom Williams
Honorary Secretary	Martyn Wilkinson
Honorary Treasurer	Geoff Dawson
President Elect	Bob Woodward
Club Service Director	PDG Guan Yeo
Community Service Director	Colin Collard
International Service Director	Alan Powell
Vocational Service Director	Clive Weeks
Youth Service Director	Peter Kelly

Following is a direct extract of biographies as published in the Provisional Club bulletin in 1989.

Charter President

Thirty-four years of age, Tom Williams has spent virtually his entire working life in Darwin. Coming from a career in sales in the building industry, he moved into the more challenging area of marketing in 1981. Tom joined Rotary Club of Port Darwin in 1983 and while a member served two terms as Secretary and was President Elect when he found he had to resign in 1987. Tom was one of the four founding members of the Australian Small Business Association in Darwin, and was the catalyst in having the NT Enterprise Workshop established in the Territory.

Secretary

Martyn Wilkinson is 32 years of age. Martyn changed tack from an agricultural background to interstate transport in 1983, when he and his partners established a small enterprise, which now boasts 14 employees and half a dozen vehicles. For four very important years, Martyn was a key member of the Darwin North Rotaract Club, serving as International Service Director, Club President and immediate Past President. Martyn also set the standard for that club's exceptional fund raising activities, in particular their involvement with the Food and Wine Fair, held as part of the annual Bougainvillea Festival.

Treasurer

Geoff Dawson is 38 and is married with three boys. Was selling for Sandovers at age 19 then later joined Eagle & Globe Steel as sales Representative. Geoff then spent 12 months selling Ronson applicances and abrasives before starting his own business in roof plumbing with his father. Sold out after four years and went to work for Osborne Metal Industries than later joined Union Steel in Perth. He held the position of sales manager with Union for 18 months before being transferred to Darwin as manager of BGJ Steel. Geoff was on the Board of the Rockingham Chamber of Commerce for six months whilst in Perth. He is a keen golfer, boating enthusiast and fisherman.

President Elect - 1990-91

Bob Woodward first came to the Territory 17 years ago, and has lived here permanently since 1977. A trained accountant, Bob practices as a management

consultant, and his major clients are the Top End's Aboriginal communities and Darwin Small businesses. Bob was a former member of the Rotary Club of Darwin North where he held the position of Secretary. Bob has also served as Treasurer on the North Darwin Football Club.

Vocational Services Director

Clive Weeks grew up in Northern Victoria, is aged 40 and moved to Darwin in January 1989 as Gutteridge Haskin & Davey's Regional Director. He has been with GHD for 17 years, and became an associate in 1985, and Principal in 1988. He is a member of the Uniting Church, and prior to leaving Melbourne was Vice-President of North Box Hill Tennis Club, committee member of the Victorian Branch of the Australian Water and Wastewater Association, and involved in his son's school as football clinic coach and regular helper on school camps.

International Services Director

Alan Powell is aged 53, and was previously the owner of small business in Australia and New Zealand. Alan then took up teaching and is currently the Emeritus Professor of History and Dean of Arts at the Northern Territory University. Alan is a member of the NT University Council, a member of the NT Board of Studies and is the general editor of the Northern Territory Dictionary of Biography.

Community Services Director

Colin Collard was born in Sabah, Malaysia in 1947. Since 1967 he has been a practising Chartered Accountant. Before moving to Darwin in 1980, Colin lived in Perth and worked with one of the large accounting practices. This is Colin's first time in a community service organisation, but he is no stranger to committees and task forces, and is enjoying the fellowship of our club very much. Colin now runs his own practice in Darwin and is a keen golfer, tennis and squash player.


Youth Services Director

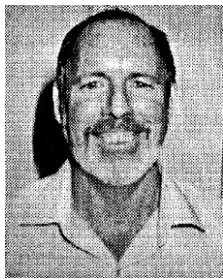
Peter Kelly is aged 35 and is the Director of NT Paint Distributors, NT Marine & Protective Coatings, Centurion Painting Services. Before coming to Darwin, Peter spent 5 years with the NSW Surf Life Saving movement as chief instructor. At present, he is the Master Builders Association nominated representative of TAFEAC and is on the Centurion Painting touch football committee. Peter and his wife Julie have 3 teenage sons, and through their companies' sponsorship are actively involved in a number of community activities.


Club Services Director

PDG Guan Yeo would be one of the most active Rotarians Darwin has ever seen. Aged 43, Guan first joined the Rotary Club of Penang in 1973 and joined Darwin North in 1976. In that time, he has held the positions of Club Services Director, Vocational Services Director, Bulletin Editor, Public Relations Officer, and President. Guan has served on every Rotary club committee there is! In 1985, Guan was nominated for the position of District Governor for 1987/88, a task that he undertook with enthusiasm and complete dedication. We are honoured to have Guan in our club, for it gives us a wealth of knowledge in Rotary procedures and regulations.


OUR PRESIDENTS


<i>RI Theme: Enjoy Rotary!</i>		
1989-90 President	District Governor	RI President
Tom Williams	Jim Smith	Hugh M. Archer
 <p>Tom Williams was the Charter President of the club and was proud to have received its charter. He boasted having a past District Governor, three past Presidents and several former Rotarians in the new club.</p> <p>He stated that the club was only as strong as the fellowship it encourages, and that there was a need to foster the bond of friendship between members as this was the recipe to grow a willingness to serve, rather than an obligation to serve.</p>		


<i>RI Theme: Honour Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm</i>		
1990-91 President	District Governor	RI President
Geoff Dawson and John Revel	Graham Christiansen	Paulo V.C. Costa
 <p>Geoff started with the goal of 50% membership growth and considered it important to have fun when raising funds. Unfortunately, Geoff was transferred to Perth four months before the end of his presidency. *Charter member</p> <div data-bbox="240 1626 451 1899" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content;"> <p>Photo Unavailable</p> </div> <p>John Revel took over the presidency and was proud to represent the club, especially one that honoured the RI statement that “Rotary does not make any distinctions of race, religion, nation or political persuasion” to which he added ‘gender’. In the year, the board formulated the club’s by laws as well as club practices. *Charter member</p>		


RI Theme: Look Beyond Yourself		
1991-92 President	District Governor	RI President
Brian Slatter	Robert Norman	Rajendra K. Saboo
 <p>Brian exemplified the spirit of Rotary fellowship and ensured the club members enjoyed a year of fun and service combined.</p> <p><i>*Charter member</i></p>		

RI Theme: Real Happiness is Helping Others		
1992-93 President	District Governor	RI President
Peter Gumley	Kevin Holmes	Clifford L Dochterman
<div data-bbox="236 1014 450 1288" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> Photo Unavailable </div> <p>Peter was General Manager of Telecom in the Northern Territory and was often on the road travelling. Nevertheless, Peter was diligent in providing his weekly President’s Message to the club. Peter instigated the Rotary 4 Way Test stubby cooler fundraiser, which the club still has plenty of. It was also in his year that the infamous club “Waffle Machine” was purchased with the view to selling waffles at the Parap Markets.</p> <p><i>*Charter member</i></p>		

RI Theme: Believe in What You Do – Do What You Believe in		
1993-94 President	District Governor	RI President
Chris Wardle	Bernie Plew	Robert R. Barth
 <p>As President, Chris achieved immense personal growth and challenges, and had a very rewarding year. On looking back, he not only highlights the strength of the club, but also states that not only do we play a strong and active role in our local community, we are part of something global.</p> <p><i>*Charter member</i></p>		

<i>RI Theme: Be a Friend</i>		
1994-95 President	District Governor	RI President
Ian Menzies	Kevin Schreiber	William H. Huntley
 <p>Ian, who was previously an army captain, captained a year's activities, including the "Adopt a Park" project (Rosella Park in Wulagi) and the Telecom Exchange Open Day where exotic satay meats were provided. Ian was an ideas man with lots of enthusiasm to boot. *Charter member</p>		

<i>RI Theme: Act with Integrity, Serve with Love, Work for Peace</i>		
1995-96 President	District Governor	RI President
Gerry Swan PHF	Grant Lawrence	Herbert G. Brown
 <p>Gerry was instrumental in establishing one of the club's high profile and successful community service and fundraising projects taking over management of the Annual Orchid Spectacular Flower and Garden Show. Gerry was also extremely impressed by the way Rotary was able to do so much for so many people from the grand scale of Rotary International's Polio Plus program to helping individuals in so many ways through our own club. *Charter member</p>		

<i>RI Theme: Build the Future with Action and Vision</i>		
1996-97 President	District Governor	RI President
Kym Johnson Julie Nicholson PHF	Laurie Evans	Luis Vicente Giay
 <p>Unfortunately Kym stepped down from his presidency shortly into his year and later moved to the UK, however, he did attend meetings for most of the year. One of Julie's goals as acting President was to improve communication and feedback within the club. Julie certainly had a busy year - as well as taking on the presidency she was also committed as secretary for the Orchid Spectacular, treasurer for Rotary's Clean Up Australia program in Darwin and organising her wedding to Martyn Wilkinson in August 1997. However a successful year across all avenues of service.</p>		

RI Theme: Show Rotary Cares for your community, for our world, for its people

1997-98 President

District Governor

RI President

Len Marinovich PHF

Jim Beresford

Glen W. Kinross



Len was a flamboyant member and president, known for his bowties, his accordion playing at club's social events, his love of vintage cars and his infamous "drip feed" weekly Rotary information segments. During the year we assisted the Katherine Flood Appeal by a huge donation of \$5,000 through Red Cross.

RI Theme: Follow your Rotary Dream

1998-99 President

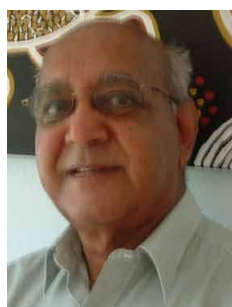
District Governor

RI President

Reg Prasad PHF

John McLaren

James L. Lacy



Reg's catch phrases included have fun, teamwork and communication. One of the club's "ideas people", Reg is well remembered for his silent movie fundraisers and his tilt at a Rotary International anthem. He was involved as the initiator of the club's involvement in the annual Tropical Garden Spectacular. He took part in the Pedlin Pete project joining the group in riding the last 40kms into Darwin on a bike as a fundraiser for ARHRF /TRF and Australian Kidney Foundation.

He often observed that the strength of the club and its community profile is directly proportional to its ability to fundraise and that the bonding and fellowship amongst members is a natural outcome of a particular project.

RI Theme: Rotary 2000: Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity

1999-00 President

District Governor

RI President

Sivaram Vemuri


John Gough


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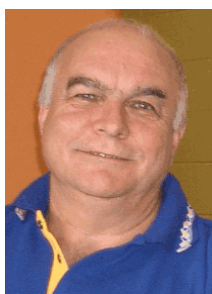


Sivaram, is another of our club's philosophers. He introduced his directors' team as the 'A Team', with emphasis on planning, as he stated that 'failing to plan is planning to fail'. He had a wonderful year, as he says, of 'ups and ups' and can 'stand tall' though no mean feat for him. During Sivaram's year, the inaugural Ambulance Officer of the Year Award – a Pride of Workmanship Award was launched successfully both with support from St John, the community and Government.

**Charter member*

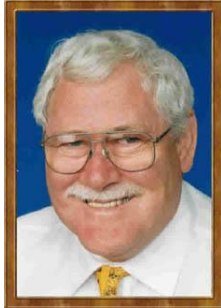
<i>RI Theme: Create Awareness, Take Action</i>		
2000-01 President	District Governor	RI President
Harry Coehn PHF	Frank Darvaniza	Frank Devlyn
 <p>Harry enjoyed a hands-on approach to community service projects and took a strong interest in member inclusiveness. He was atypical of the club's relaxed approach to bureaucracy and unnecessary formality.</p> <p><i>*Charter member</i></p>		

<i>RI Theme: Mankind is our Business</i>		
2001-02 President	District Governor	RI President
Martyn Wilkinson PHF	Terry Lees	Richard D. King
 <p>Martyn called himself the reluctant president, but very strongly saw the presidency as an opportunity to give back to the club a little of what he had gained from it. In his year, the NT Nurseryman's Association instigated the revamped garden show into 'The Tropical Garden Spectacular' which provided the club an opportunity to add to their coffers by manning the gate. Martyn always had a joke on hand whenever an opportunity arose, especially in the public arena. He assured members that club meetings would remain informal and the Manual of Procedure (MOP) would not be required.</p> <p><i>*Charter member</i></p>		

<i>RI Theme: Sow the Seeds of Love</i>		
2002-03 President	District Governor	RI President
Rod Strong	Jeff Crofts	Bhichai Rattakul
 <p>Rod was a year before his time, as he stepped in the President's role at the last minute after Colin Collard moved on to Perth. He took on the role with enthusiasm and learned along the way. He was always amazed at the greater achievements of Rotary. Rod was an inveterate fisherman and the club was always treated to tall tales. He was also famous for his extended committee meetings where a bottle of red wine was a prerequisite for attending.</p>		

RI Theme: Lend a Hand

2003-04 President	District Governor	RI President
Graham Wright	Mike Rennie	Jonathan B. Majiyagbe



Graham took on the role of President with ease; his motto was to "Do it the Wright Way". This was understandable as he was Charter President of Ballarat West Rotary Club. He injected a laid-back warmth to the club giving the club an even greater reputation as the fun club of Darwin.

OUR CLUB IN ACTION

THE FIRST SIXTEEN YEARS

This overview of the first fifteen years of service has been formulated under each of Rotary's Four Avenues of Service. Rather than attempt to cover every year with specific detail, an approach of highlighting activities extracted from the club's changeover documents has been taken. Even so it should be noted that many activities have in fact become a bit of a tradition within the club and generally feature annually as part of the club's action plans. This is particularly the case with the club's donations to worthy community and international causes.



Club Service, Rotary's First Avenue of Service, is regarded as the most important part of the club mechanism, because without a vitally functioning club, little else can be performed via the other three avenues of service.

A significant distinction between club service and the other avenues is that club service is directed toward the internal functioning of the club - to maintain its health and vigour - while the other avenues are directed outward toward the local community and the larger world in which we live.

The Club Service Committee is multifaceted and includes the Club Secretary, Treasurer, Bulletin Editor, Program Co-ordinator, Attendance Officer and Sergeant at Arms who have specific responsibilities in the effective functioning of the club. It also keeps a watching brief on public relations, fellowship, pastoral care, Rotary information and the preservation of the club's history.

A feature of our club is the rotating duty roster by which every member has a turn at participating in our weekly meetings. We all take turns at being the 'meet and greet' person, the chair and proposing the International toast.

'Fun, Fellowship and Family'

The club, from its very beginnings fostered a more relaxed approach in its procedures but with due regard to the formalities as and when they were required. The personality and leadership style of successive club presidents reinforced a focus on 'fun, fellowship and family' and this was supported by successive Club Service Committees. It must be said, however, that as the



Northern Territory's first 'mixed gender' club there was that certain difference to the atmosphere that only a 'female touch' can bring and which remains so positive today.

A Variety of Imaginative Breakfasts and Activities.

Over the years club service activities have been many and varied. Our records demonstrate that quite a few have become regulars whilst the number of 'one offs' are indicative of the degree of flexibility demonstrated by members.

A Fred Hollows Foundation breakfast, Australia Day breakfasts, Friday 13th breakfasts, breakfast at Speaker's Corner in Parliament House, Wharf Precinct, and Crocodylus Park, progressive dinners, golf days, Sunday brunches (family & friends affairs), cinema nights, Melbourne Cup calcutta nights, quiz nights, car rallies and magic mystery tours, involvement in the Parap Markets, Territory Wildlife Park visit, ten-pin bowling, crowd control at the NTFL, sale of Kamarian passports (Club Services raised \$3,723 just from this little activity), a function at Holtze Cottage in the Gardens, a poetry reading and beer tasting night, a bower bird picnic at Government House, a Valentines get together and 'open house' hosting by various members for drinks and nibbles on various occasions.



Succeeding program co-ordinators on the Committee were also instrumental in organising an interesting variety of guest speakers to enliven our meetings and enlighten members. The list is far too numerous to include here – approximately 30 per year but add to this a range of local politicians, exchange students (both sponsored and hosted), visiting Group Study Exchange teams coupled with both 'me' and 'job' talks from members.

The weekly Club Bulletin has been faithfully produced over the years by many committed and dedicated members. The variety of its content has been as wide as the variety of its editors and has included a number of special features that have appeared at different times. More recently of note has been 'The Mystery Member Quiz', various versions of the 'Sergeant's Trivia Quiz' and the 'Did You Know' trivia page. The editors have faithfully carried out their charter in providing an informative, interesting and entertaining club publication. Refer to 'Our Evolving Bulletin' page 51.

The Paul Harris Fellow Scheme

This was commenced by Rotary International in 1957 to provide an opportunity for voluntary giving by Rotarians and friends in support of the many educational and humanitarian programs of The Rotary Foundation. With the payment of US\$1,000 an individual is recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow and may use the honorific PHF. The concept of making such gifts to the Foundation was slow in developing but by the early 1970s it began to gain popularity to the extent that in 1995 more than 470,000 Paul Harris Fellows had been added to the rolls of The Rotary Foundation.

As in many other ventures the 'Aussies' couldn't leave the concept alone and developed their own approach to the Paul Harris Fellow scheme. It would seem that early on in the scheme's history, clubs in Australia began purchasing a Paul Harris Fellowship in the name of an individual as an award and in recognition for a range of meritorious reasons. This approach has seemed to become a feature of Australian clubs, though it has spread overseas as well.

Over the years our club has awarded eleven Paul Harris Fellowships to members and non-members and one member made a voluntary contribution to the Foundation. Included in the following list are current members who received a Paul Harris Award from their previous Rotary Club.

Year	Name	Recognised Achievement
May 1988	Bryan Williams	Outstanding club service
Jul 1989	Joan Johnston	Working with children with cancer
Jun 1990	Guan Yeo	Outstanding service and founding member of the club
Feb 1994	David Newton	Outstanding club service
Oct 1994	Harry Coehn	Outstanding club service
Jan 1995	Peta Fryer	Club service and peer support program
May 1996	Gerry Swan	Outstanding club service and the Orchid Spectacular Event
May 1997	Julie Nicholson	Outstanding club service
Jun 1998	Nora Lewis	Outstanding Service to the community
Jun 1998	Leonard Marinovich	Personal Gift to The Rotary Foundation
May 2002	Martyn Wilkinson	Outstanding club service
Nov 1996	Reg Prasad	Conferred by the RC of Doncaster Sunrise for outstanding service to the community.
Jan 1997	Frank Stewart	Conferred by the RC of Nhulunbuy for outstanding services to NT Education and the Community.
Oct 2002	Warren Leeder	Conferred by the RC of Darwin Nightcliff for outstanding service to the Youth Exchange Program.





VOCATIONAL SERVICE

As the Second Avenue of Service, the Vocational Service Committee promotes the highest ethical standards in all occupations, recognises the worth to society of all useful occupations and encourages each Rotarian to contribute their vocational skills and talents to the needs of society.

The Committee also oversees the club's participation in career development programs, vocation at work programs, vocation awareness programs, Rotary volunteer programs and recognising vocational excellence through Vocational Awards.

Vocational Diversity

There is no doubt that the 33 charter members represented a broad cross section of the Darwin community in 1989 (refer page 4). Businesses, trades, government professions, communications, transport, information technology, entertainment, finance and property management broad groupings were all representative in the skills and talents available to the club from its members.

The most significant change to the membership mix over the years has been the increasing number of female members inducted into the club to the extent that in Rotary's Centennial Year they have gained a slight majority (11 to 10). It is interesting to note, however, that a comparison of classification broad groupings between 1989 and 2005 shows very little representative change.

A Continuity of Programs

A feature of vocational service in Darwin Sunrise has been consistency of effort over the years as it carried out its charter. In the club's first year the Committee concentrated on recognising vocational excellence, promoting vocational awareness and providing avenues of experiencing vocations at work. These were considered to be both worthwhile and productive and as such became ongoing programs from year to year.

- ◆ The club established academic awards at the then NT University for the top performing second-year student in Environmental Studies and the top performing second-year student in Malay Studies (now at the Charles Darwin University and named Darwin Sunrise Rotary Awards).
- ◆ The committee identified and organised a variety of vocational guest speakers from a range of occupations in the Darwin community. The following are a sample taken from early club records. Superintended Noel Caswell from the

Federal Police, Jim Taylor, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Peter Gardener, NT Statistician, Ron Schmidt, NT Regional Manager for Taxation, Martin Jarvis, Conductor Darwin Symphony Orchestra and Charlie King, Welfare and Foster Care Services. Members were also given the opportunity to present a 'job talk' as part and parcel of promoting vocational awareness within the club at its weekly meetings. Both these strategies have continued down over the years.

- ◆ Workplace visits have been a feature of Darwin Sunrise since its inception and the succeeding committees generally organised two or three a year as part of providing members with a vocations at work experience. The very first was at the Darwin Joinery, followed in roughly chronologically by the new Darwin Post Office, the Magistrates Courts, the new Supreme Court, the Office of the Supervising Scientist at Jabiru, Telstra Telephone Exchange, the Weather Bureau, Berrimah Veterinary Laboratory, Quick Glass toughening and fabrication factory, the Met Bureau, the Port Darwin Authority, Crocodylus Park, NT Police Headquarters, Darwin Wharf Precinct, the Supreme Court, the Trade Development Zone, the Bark Endeavour Sailing Ship, the Darwin Naval Base, St John Ambulance Headquarters, Finlay's Stone Masonry, Comeco Australia, the Mango Winery and the Melaluca Centre

Unique to Darwin Sunrise

The Great Balloon Debate

This annual event is generally regarded as a fun activity by members yet contains a grain of seriousness. Three members are selected to participate in a formal debate with an adjudicator, prior to which the following proposition is given. 'Imagine the three of you are in a hot air balloon floating peacefully above the desert in Central Australia when an emergency arises. The pilot advises that an air leak has developed and that only one of you can survive, the others will have to jump out. It is decided that the person whose occupation is the most valuable to society will remain. You have to convince the members present that because of your vocation, you are that person.'

The St John Ambulance NT Paramedic of the Year Award

The 1999-2000 Committee introduced the then St John Ambulance Officer of the Year Award. In 2003, at the request of St John Ambulance the name was changed to include 'NT Paramedic' in the award title in order to more accurately reflect the range of officers involved the service.

The initiative continues to have the full support of the NT St John Ambulance Service and the NT Government (through the Office of the Minister responsible for Police, Fire and Emergency Services). Sponsorship has been sought and gained from a variety of sources over the years and currently the award prizes are provided by Air North (return air fares to Broome for the winner), The Crown Plaza (twin share accommodation for the runner up) and Angus & Robertson

(book prizes for the winner of the Year 7 essay competition run in conjunction with the award).

This prestigious award has become an important part of the club year. The competition is conducted Territory wide with nominations being considered by an expert panel from St John Ambulance. The process culminates in the presentation being made at an official function at Parliament House hosted and officiated at by the minister responsible.

The following are recipients of the award.

Year	Winner(s)
1999-00	Jim Leigh
2000-01	Anne-Marie Muscat
2001-02	Peter Poole
2002-03	Karen Joyner and Sue Murphy
2003-04	Trevor Keatch
2004-05	Tony Wood



Karen Joyner and Sue Murphy



Peter Poole



Trevor Keatch



Tony Wood



COMMUNITY & YOUTH SERVICE

Often described as the 'heartbeat of Rotary,' community service, the Third Avenue of Service, is a many-pronged effort to improve the quality of life within our local and wider Australian community. This is achieved through participation in community service projects, human development projects, community development projects and environmental protection projects. Our club's additional focus on youth recognizes the importance of our young people as the future citizens and leaders of tomorrow.

Our club can be justifiably proud of its contribution to our community and its youth over the years. Our assistance has ranged from help to individuals in need, financial support to deserving community organisations as well as a range of local, national and international appeals. Our members have also given of their time to provide many hours of voluntary 'hands on' assistance to a number of worthy causes.

Listed below are projects and activities undertaken by succeeding Community and Youth Service Committees taken from data on record – the list is not complete and you will note that no dollar figure is given against any item. This is mainly due to the fact that our records are very much incomplete in specifying amounts donated or the cost to the Committee for various projects. The listing has also been grouped into five year periods in order to reduce much of the duplication of many annual projects – activities.

Community Projects – Activities

1989-1994

- ◆ Purchase - aqualift to assist handicapped people at Parap Pool.
- ◆ Purchase - first aid equipment for the NT Council on Ageing.
- ◆ Erection of metal framed greenhouses – Moil & Essington Schools.
- ◆ Gate attendance at the Penrith/Balmain rugby match in support of Darwin Camp Quality.
- ◆ In support of Life. Be in it and Rotaract, handing out birthday cake at Harold's Birthday Party.
- ◆ Erection of a 6m x 6m shade structure at Lake Alexander built by club members in 2 very steamy weekends in November. The official opening of shade structure at Lake Alexander, which was handed over to Lord Mayor Alan Markham.
- ◆ Contribution of playground equipment for the Henbury Avenue School.
- ◆ Provision of a Welch-Allyn ophthalmoscope and retinoscope to Dr Nandor Jaross for his work with Indigenous people.
- ◆ Donation to the Sunshine Association (puppet program).

Community Projects – Activities

1994-1999

- ◆ Donation to Australian Rotary Health Research Fund – annually.
- ◆ Royal Darwin Hospital School (purchase of a computer).
- ◆ Provided equipment to the Arthritis Foundation.
- ◆ Organisation and conduct of the NT Orchid Spectacular – annually.
- ◆ Participated in a working bee at the Duke Street Rain Forest.
- ◆ Making of RSPCA camp beds for dogs.
- ◆ Assisted in shifting 20 tonnes of mulch and landscaped the grounds of Casey House.
- ◆ Sponsorship of 2 people to attend the 3rd World Congress on Cancer held in Darwin – April 1997.
- ◆ Donation to Nightcliff Lions Club to assist their club take disadvantaged children to the movies.
- ◆ Royal North Australian Show Society – sponsorship of inaugural NT Rural Challenge competition.
- ◆ Katherine Flood Appeal (through the Red Cross).
- ◆ Guide Dog Association hands on help at BBQs – annually.
- ◆ Provided funds to the Arthritis Foundation to purchase a white board and overhead projector.
- ◆ Research of attention deficit disorder (ADD).
- ◆ Australian Trust for Conservation Volunteers.
- ◆ Unloading and stacking metal cladding for Riding for the Disabled – for the construction of stables.
- ◆ Donation to the restoration programme for eyes through Foresight Australia.
- ◆ In conjunction with the Red Cross, equipped the mobile eye clinic with an air conditioner - Outreach Aboriginal Eye Health Care Program.
- ◆ Open day at the Darwin Private Hospital.
- ◆ Recovery and repairs of shade structure at Lake Alexander after storm.
- ◆ Pedlin Pete – passing the hat around at District Conference.

Community Projects – Activities

1999-2004

- ◆ Family Planning – purchase of a foetal heart monitor.
- ◆ Assist Guide Dogs Association in providing manpower ‘in kind’ at BBQs – annually.
- ◆ Organisation and conduct of the NT Orchid Spectacular
- ◆ Gate keeping at the Tropical Garden Fair – annually.
- ◆ Provided funds in conjunction with the Darwin City Council to build a boardwalk in the Duke Street Rainforest, through the Land Care Group.
- ◆ NSW Bushfire Appeal through the Red Cross.
- ◆ Crocodylus Park – donation of a wheelchair.
- ◆ Donation – Australian Rotary Health Research Fund – annually.
- ◆ Channel 7 Xmas Party for handicapped children
- ◆ Asthma Foundation.
- ◆ Drought Relief Appeal.
- ◆ East Timorese Orphanage.
- ◆ Life Education Top End.
- ◆ NT Callisthenics Association.

Youth Projects – Activities

1989-1994

- ◆ Rotary Youth Program and Enrichment weekends.
- ◆ Sponsoring Peer Support at Nightcliff High School.
- ◆ Youth & Hospitality Industry Project – Disadvantaged youth invited to inspect a restaurant to learn about different jobs in the hospitality industry.
- ◆ Supported one student to attend Gurrung School.
- ◆ National Youth Science Forum – annually.
- ◆ Youth activities during September with special guest speakers.
- ◆ Bicycle Safety Flag Project – in conjunction with NT Police and Neighbourhood Watch - fitting of safety flags to children’s bicycles.

Youth Projects – Activities

1994-1999

- ◆ School Volunteer Program (SVP) – activity linking retired seniors with high school students who have literacy and numeracy difficulties and low self esteem.
- ◆ Sponsorship of two students to take part in the NT Youth Parliament.
- ◆ Sponsorship of the Plain English Speaking Awards – annually.
- ◆ Adoption of Kormilda College, with the club providing support for a number of the school's activities (Tournament of the minds and Kormilda College Speaker's Forum).
- ◆ Continuation and expansion of the School Volunteers Program – now 3 schools involved and over 40 volunteers (community elders) who donate their time and effort in passing on their knowledge.
- ◆ Sponsorship of tuition bursaries for students at the Centre for Youth Music – annually.
- ◆ Support to the Corrugated Iron Youth Theatre.
- ◆ Support to the Children's Film Festival (with Nightcliff Lions Club).
- ◆ Student sponsorship to the Rio Tinto Youth Science Forum in Canberra.
- ◆ Rotary Youth Leadership Award.
- ◆ Donation to Anglicare to help with homeless youth work.

1999-2004

- ◆ Support for the Children's Film Festival (with Nightcliff Lions Club).
- ◆ Sponsorship of tuition bursary for students at the Centre for Youth Music – annually.
- ◆ Rotary Youth Leadership Award.
- ◆ Sponsorship of the Plain English Speaking Awards.
- ◆ National Youth Science Forum (was Rio Tinto) held in Canberra - annually.
- ◆ Harbour cruise for disabled children.
- ◆ Bed wetting alarms to the Health Centre.



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

International Service, the Fourth Avenue of Service, is regarded as Rotary's foundation for building goodwill, understanding and peace amongst people of different nations and to improve the quality of life for those less fortunate in developing countries. The Committee oversees the club's participation in world community service programs, international youth projects, Rotary Foundation programs and generally the club's response to international disaster appeals.

Our Club can be justifiably proud of its record of support and assistance to Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation and its many educational and humanitarian programs. The club, for many years, used a small change collection box at our meetings as part of its fundraising for The Rotary Foundation. In 2003-2004 our President Graham Wright introduced 'The Foundation Draw'. Members purchased raffle tickets at \$1.00 each and if the member's number came up in the draw towards the end of the meeting there was a chance to draw out the joker from a pack of cards for the kitty (each week 40% of the income went to the kitty which would build up over the year if not won – 60% was banked for The Foundation). In the first year of operations our fundraising more than doubled the 'coin collection' amount the previous year.

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International Projects - Activities

1989-1994

- ◆ International Projects Advisory Committee (IPAC) Project - Harelip Operation Project in Indonesia.
- ◆ Scholarship for needy kids project in Thailand.
- ◆ 100% supporter of the Fourth Avenue in Motion Program ie every member of the Club contributes to the fund – annually.
- ◆ International Projects Advisory Committee Project - education sponsorship for 3 orphaned children in Indonesia – annually.

International Projects - Activities

1994-1999

- ◆ 100% supporter of the Fourth Avenue in Motion Program ie every member of the Club contributes to the fund – annually.
- ◆ Contributed to the financing of a shipment of large consignments of books, hospital and dental equipment, computers and typewriters to various countries in the Pacific.
- ◆ Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) replacing IPAC - education sponsorship for 3 orphaned children in Indonesia – annually.
- ◆ Donation towards the Mt Sion Farm Project in Goroka, PNG – an education project training deaf-blind children, their parents and care givers.
- ◆ Donation to the Epilepsy Clinic in Indore in India.
- ◆ Donation to the PNG Tsunami Disaster relief.

1999-2004

- ◆ East Timor Breakfast program – volunteer work at the refugee crisis centre in Darwin.
- ◆ Fundraising - International Food Night at the Sailing club with Wicking.
- ◆ Rotary Australia World Community Service - Leprosy Mission.
- ◆ Rotary Australia World Community Service - PNG Reconstructive Surgery.
- ◆ Rotary Australia World Community Service - Thailand Hill Tribes.
- ◆ Rotary Australia World Community Service - education sponsorship for 3 orphaned children in Indonesia – annually.
- ◆ Rotary Australia World Community Service – Fred Hollows Foundation.
- ◆ Rotary Australia World Community Service - PNG water for rural villages.
- ◆ Rotary Australia World Community Service - literacy & numeracy (Indonesia & Bali).
- ◆ Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children – volunteer assistance to children and families in the Darwin programs – ongoing.
- ◆ Support of the Melaluca Centre (Migrant reception centre in Darwin).
- ◆ Fundraising - Deck Chair Cinema nights.
- ◆ Special one off donation to Rotary's Polio Plus Fund.

Rotary's Youth Exchange Program

Youth Exchange provides thousands of young people with the opportunity to meet people from other lands and to experience their cultures. This plants the seeds for a lifetime of international understanding. Since our charter, our club has hosted and sponsored the following students.

Inbound (Hosted)

Year	Student - Country	
1990-91	Nick Chadwick	South Africa
	Lesa Redmond	Alaska
1991-92	Gil Abex	Brazil
1995-96	Nicole Lee	Alaska
1998-99	Jun Yanagawa	Japan
1999-00	Kate Sharp	Zimbabwe
2001-02	Michaela Keiser	Switzerland



Michaela Keiser



Renee Kepert



Jun Yanagawa

Outbound (Sponsored)

Year	Student - Country	
1990-91	Jessica Lam	Norway
	Hayami Aboutaleb	Japan
1992-93	Pryce Dale	South Africa
1994-95	Monique McNaught	Finland
1995-96	Emma Mansfield	Canada
1997-98	Ailsa Woodhouse	Germany
1998-99	Kiki Dous	Belgium
1999-00	Joyce Chua	Canada
2001-02	Renee Kepert	Finland
2002-03	Lon Garrick	Japan



Joyce Chua



Lon Garrick


DISTRICT ROLES OF MEMBERS

As part of our history, it is important to note and recognise club members who have had and still are part of District 9550 Committee.

Year		District Role
1991-92	Chris Wardle	District Conference
1998-99	Marg Manfield	District Conference – Registrations
	Sally Thomas	District Resolutions & Credentials Officer
1999-00	Sally Thomas	District Resolutions & Credentials Officer
2000-01	Martyn Wilkinson	District Communications Officer
	Sally Thomas	District Resolutions & Credentials Officer
2001-02	Julie Nicholson	YEP Group 1 Representative – Group 1
	Sally Thomas	District Resolutions & Credentials Officer
2002-03	Martyn Wilkinson	District Governor’s Newsletter Editor Attendance Reports
	Julie Nicholson	GSE Group Representative – Group 1 District Conference -
	Gerry Swan	District Secretary
	Reg Prasad	District Conference Committee
	Rod Strong	District Conference Committee
	Malika Okeil	District Conference Committee
2003-04	Martyn Wilkinson	Assistant District Governor – Group 1 ARCAP Coordinator – Group 1
	Julie Nicholson	GSE Group Representative – Group 1

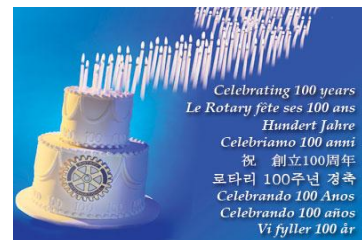
CENTENNIAL YEAR OF ROTARY



<i>RI Theme: Celebrate Rotary</i>		
Our Centennial President	District Governor	RI President
Malika Okeil	Trevor Williams	Glenn E. Estess, Sr.
	<p>Malika Okeil had a fantastic year as the Centennial President. She started off the year with a focus group meeting planning the activities and events for the year. And it was certainly one of the most successful and busiest years for the club which gave all club members the opportunity to participate in events and enjoy the club and inter-club fellowship. Malika also introduced “Rotary Friends” to the club, as an extension of our club and Rotary Family.</p>	

Yes we did celebrate!

All Top End clubs enjoyed fellowship at a special gala event held at the Italian Club. In addition to this event, we celebrated on Rotary’s 100th Birthday, with the Chief Minister, Clare Martin hosting a special function at Parliament House.



Club Membership

ROTARIAN

Val Asche
 Jan Conti
 Maxine Flanagan
 Quentin Kilian
 Diana Leeder
 Warren Leeder *PHF*
 Marg Mansfield
 Ken Mildred
 Ken Mitchell
 Julie Nicholson *PHF, PP*
 Malika Okeil *IPP*
 Sandy Oldroyd
 Joy Passmore
 Reg Prasad *PP, PHF*
 Ron Pratt
 Frank Stewart *PP, PHF*
 Sally Thomas
 Heather Traeger
 Sivaram Vemuri *PP*
 Martyn Wilkinson *PP, PHF*
 Graham Wright *PP*

PARTNER

Austin

 Connie
 Warren
 Diana

 Kathy
 Terry
 Martyn
 Keith
 Tissa
 Bill

 Rachel

 Duncan
 Brendan
 Jyoti
 Julie
 Judy

CLASSIFICATION

Microbiological Research
 Nursing General
 Building Management
 International Bus Management
 Arts & Cultural Policy - Govt
 Courier Services
 Electrical Engineering Admin
 Road Haulage
 Medical Pathology
 Govt Policy Admin
 Information Technology
 Administration – Govt
 Retail – Fashion
 Medicine General Practice
 Air Transport
 Regional Education Admin
 Judiciary
 Workplace Relations
 Tertiary Education – Economics
 Windows Aluminium
 Auctioneer

 Accounting Services
 Insurance General
 Legal Services
 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Health
 Property Maintenance
 Pathology Services

Port Darwin

Rotarians inducted at 05-06 Changeover

Joe Davis *PP, PHF*
 Ken Hatfield *PP, PHF*
 Asha McLaren *PP, PHF*
 Di Borella
 Denis Carroll
 Rod Meyers *PP, PHF*

Marilyn
 Julie
 John
 Jeff

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Our Friends

Welcomed into the club Friday 24th July 2005

Andrew Leo
 Michelle Menzies
 Harry Coehn
 Carrie Altamura
 Chris Kuhn
 Mike Nixon

Club Service - Celebrating Rotary in our Club

Director: Sandy Oldroyd

During the year a number of “**Special Event Breakfasts**” were conducted. These were light hearted fun activities with the first function on the agenda being “*Friday the 13th – Myths, Spells and Superstitions*” Frank Stewart produced a great bulletin, Val Asche researched myths and superstitions about the number 13 and a “little Book of Spells” was organised to conjure up a spell of two. Our second event was the “*Australia Day Quiz*” and what a fabulous morning it turned out to be! The room was decorated in Australia Day paraphernalia and so were the members and guests! Reg led us all in a rousing rendition of our National Anthem and poetry by “Banjo Patterson” was recited. All members and guests read out the poetry and the only person who did not need to look at the book, when reciting an extract from “The Man from Snowy River”, was Val’s husband Austin Asche! Ken (Mildred) was the “Quiz Master Extraordinaire” with a series of questions that taxed our brains and bottles of wine given to the winners and “Minties” (at moments like these) given to losers!



Our **Guest Speaker** program started with Ken Mitchell’s ‘Job Talk’ on pathology - that (through a scientist’s mind) made us all think about our fragile existence and mortality and perhaps made us all a bit more determined to see a few more years out! We had many interesting speakers who talked to us about their personal experiences, interests or organisation which, in turn, helped build our knowledge and understanding of them and the work they do within our wider community.

A few guest speaker’s that stand out were Dr Hilarie Lindsay, author of the “The Washer Women’s Dream” who gave us an interesting insight into the history and the hardships that were endured by our pioneers. The presentation by Heidi Snell (Diana and Warren’s daughter) about her recent trip to Jordan, as a recipient of the Vincent Fairfax Fellowship, showed some amazing landscape, community and family life scenes. Anita Angel, Curator - CDU Art Collection, made us aware of the extremely valuable and superb works of art that are currently housed at the CDU Art Gallery and the presentation by Ken Mildred, NT Chairman - Neighbour Hood Watch, certainly opened our eyes to the excellent and ongoing work, by a relatively small group of people, who continually endeavour to keep us and our community safer.

Under the clubs “**Fellowship**” banner we held a number of functions where members, family, guests and friends enjoyed our hospitality and joined with us to, once again, extend our Rotary Family. We held another successful Sunday BBQ Brunch at Lake Alexander in October 2004. We visited the Port Darwin Rotary

Club, for an Inter-Club meeting and “great night out” in November 2004 and again congregated, in December 2004, for our Christmas function where a festive night of food, jokes, fines and Sally Thomas’ humorous and wonderfully witty “Members Narrative” entertained all who were in attendance.

Vocational Service - Celebrating Rotary in your vocation
Director: Quentin Kilian

Quentin was pleased to report on the success of our key project under the Vocational Services banner. In 2005, the St John Ambulance NT Paramedic of the Year Award attracted a large number of nominations, as well as an increase from those stationed outside of Darwin. In fact this year’s winner, Tony Wood, hails from Alice Springs. In total we had an amazing 26 nominations for the event!



We also managed two successful workplace visits this year. Minister Paul Henderson was gracious enough to join the club for breakfast and then take everyone on a guided tour of his workplace – Parliament House.

Our other workplace visit gave us an insight into the life of a real estate broker when Graham took the members to his offices at Raine and Horne, and yes ‘he did look after us’ – the ‘Wright’ way.

Community & Youth Service – Celebrating Rotary in our Community & Youth Programs
Director: Diana Leeder



Fundraising was undertaken through working on the gate at the Tropical Garden Spectacular and the Open Garden program and the level of members’ participation was encouraging as it



meant the load was spread and there were opportunities for fellowship amongst club members



Rotaract combined with the club to participate in 'Clean up Australia Day' at Vestey's Beach



Regular Club community service programs continued – National Youth Science Forum sponsorship, involvement with and support of the Centre for Youth Music which this year we purchased violins for use in the beginner program.



The largest donation made this year went to Duke's Mob assisting them with the purchase of a replacement vehicle which is used to transport Duke participants around the NT for their activities, programs and expeditions.

The club provided funds to the Darwin City Council Libraries for an adult literacy project and a computer package for the NT Autism Society office in Nightcliff.



As a community project, a park bench was purchased to place at the entrance of Crocodylus Park for the visitors while waiting to board their bus.

The Club conducted a successful backyard blitz at the Joan Ridley Ward garden at Royal Darwin Hospital. Joan Ridley was a member of Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise in the early years.



In monetary terms, the following is a list of funds that we donated to the community this year.

Community Project – Activities	\$\$\$
◆ Duke of Edinburgh Award (NT) – provided funds towards the purchase of a new Toyota troopie.	3,500
◆ NT Autism – purchase IT equipment for their newly established office.	2,100
◆ Darwin City Council Library – donated funds for a literacy program.	1,000
◆ Centre for Youth Music –purchase of 4 violins to be used by children (4-5 yrs old) in support of the CYM Junior Music program.	720
◆ Asian Tsunami Appeal.	680
◆ St Vincent De Paul – Christmas Children’s Toy Appeal.	500
◆ Salvation Army – Christmas donation for food parcels.	500
◆ Ruby Gaea – Donation towards function “Reclaim the Night”.	500
◆ National Science Youth Forum.	450
◆ Rotaract B52 Ball – table sponsorship.	250
◆ Crocodylus – purchase of a park bench to enable old folks to rest whilst waiting for their buses.	220
◆ Best Environmental Science Student Award.	150
Total	\$ 10,570

International Service – *Celebrating Rotary in our world*
Director: Julie Nicholson

The Swedish Group Study Exchange Team landed in Darwin on Friday 22 April, and after their long flight from Stockholm, elected to attend our club meeting one hour later! The team had a humanitarian as well as a vocational theme to their visit, and spent 2 days in Timor-Leste, the first GSE team to visit that country, then a further 2 days in Darwin where they had a briefing on Aboriginal health, vocational meetings on HRM and marketing themes, a tour of Parliament House and the Supreme Court, followed by a visit to the NT Museum and Art Gallery. As a finale, the team gave



an informative and entertaining presentation about their country in front of 90 Rotarians and partners at a combined clubs meeting at Kantillas on 27 April.

The committee hosted a very successful International Night at Café Kashmir at Nightcliff on 9 April. In addition to a good turn out by our own club members, there were a lot of guests and Rotarians from other clubs – around 60 people in all, many in international costume, all vying for the title of “Best Dressed”. It was a night of great food, fun and fellowship. We had a challenging international quiz organised by Heather Traeger and Sally Thomas, and the raffling of a gourmet food basket and other goodies, all donated by club members. The priority of the night was fun and fellowship, but we also managed to raise around \$680 for the club’s community projects.



The International Service Committee continued with the club’s longstanding financial support of 3 students (\$110 each) in a Salvation Army boarding school in Indonesia. The students are either orphans or come from an underprivileged background.

The club donated \$150 for the tuition fees of a Timor-Leste student at the Timor-Leste TAFE College. The world’s newest country desperately needs to train their own people in a wide range of trades and professions, but most young adults in Timor-Leste do not have the financial resources to meet the cost of their tuition fees. This project, initiated by the Rotary Club of Southbank in Melbourne, provides an avenue to support such students.

The Rotary Foundation was also supported this year with a donation of \$600, which came from the club’s weekly Foundation Draw.

NEWS CUTTINGS

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THIS ROTARY WORLD

Darwin Sunrise, N.T. – *The Northern Territory Duke of Edinburgh's Awards Dukes Mob is now on the road with a new Toyota troop carrier, made possible through Bridge Autos Toyota and contributions from the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise, N.T., and Darwin businesses.*

Sunrisers boost Dukes Mob in NT

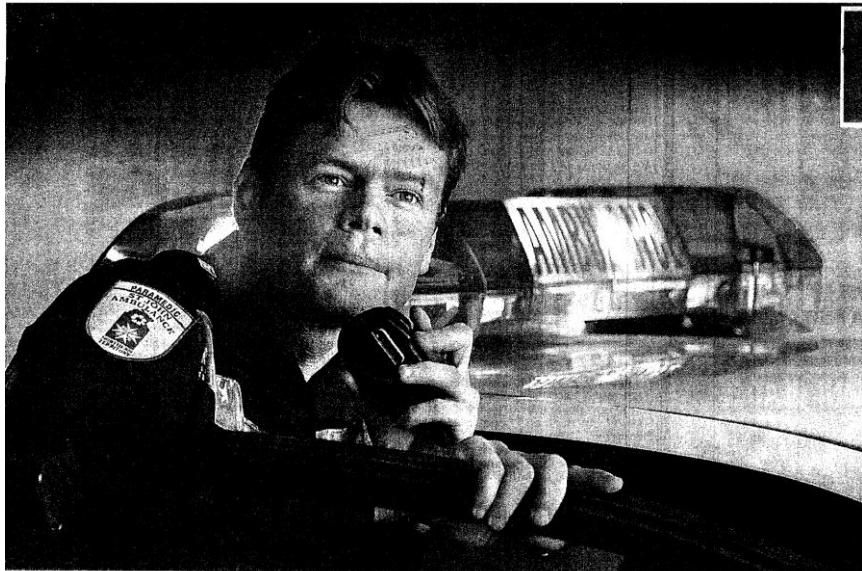
The Northern Territory Duke of Edinburgh's Awards *Dukes Mob* is now on the road with a new Toyota troop carrier. The purchase of the vehicle was made possible through Bridge Autos Toyota and generous contributions from the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise, N.T., and Darwin businesses. President Malika Okeil, of the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise, heard of the need to replace a tired vehicle and as part of its ongoing support to the commu-



nity, her club was delighted to support the *Dukes Mob*. She said: "The Duke of Edinburgh Awards NT is an exciting self-development organisation. It provides opportunities for young people to achieve personal excellence and build self-

esteem, self-confidence, self-reliance, self-motivation and respect for others." So when out and about on Northern Territory roads look out for the new vehicle with the Rotary logo on the side door panels. Give a wave as it passes by.

NT Paramedic of the Year Awards



Tony Wood yesterday ... he has only been a paramedic officially for one week. Picture: PETER BENNETT

Alice ambo takes honour

By ERIC TLOZEK

Alice Springs ambulance officer Tony Wood has only officially been a paramedic for one week.

But he's the 2005 Rotary club paramedic of the year.

Mr Wood, 34, drove to Darwin for his graduation ceremony at Parliament House on May 25. But he was flown back just a week later to receive the prestigious award at the same spot on Thursday night.

"It was a bit of mad rush," he said.

The award recognises the achievements of ambulance officers in their work.

Mr Wood and two other Alice officers were nominated after a quick response to a cardiac call-out saved a man's life last year.

Mr Wood has been an ambulance officer with St John Ambulance for the past 2½ years while he has been studying for his diploma of paramedical science.

The former whitegoods salesman said he loved the job as each day was different.

"It's eternally fascinating," he said.

"There is always something to learn -- that's what I love about it."

But it could be difficult gaining confidence when handling tough situations.

"As a student your greatest challenge is getting your confidence up," he said.

The award gives Mr Wood a chance to show a bit of Central Australian pride.

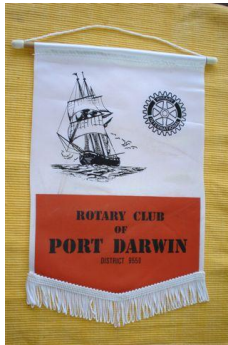
"Generally Darwin people win it all the time," he said.

2004-05 Paramedic of the Year Award – Tony Wood

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PORT DARWIN

Due to a declining membership the Rotary Club of Port Darwin joined with the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise we acknowledge and celebrate their contribution.

THE BEGINNINGS



The Club Banner

Port Darwin's sponsor club, Darwin, convened an inaugural meeting of the Port Darwin Rotary Club in March 1983 at the old Hotel Darwin. Eight months later Port Darwin received their charter on Thursday 8 December at the Mindil Beach Casino. The club had 26 charter members of whom two remain as the club merges with the Darwin Sunrise Club. The dinner meetings were first held at the Darwin Hotel, the Don, the RSL, Guiseppes, Chatz and then the Darwin Sailing Club.

OUR CHARTER MEMBERS

Howard Aldridge – Casino Management	Brenton Hancock – Youth Services
Alistair Bailey – Newspaper Administration	Peter Harvey – Computer Equipment Sales
Neil Barrett – Footwear Retailing	Anthony MacMichael – Property Management
Neil Blackley – Business Equipment Sales	Andrew McCracken – Structural Consultant
Mervyn Brooks – Education Administration	Ian Menzies -
Philip Clark – Office Automation systems	Rodney Meyers – Pathological Services
Charles Constance – Intrastate Air Transport	Colin Minton – Architectural Services
Edward D'Ambrosio – Investing	Robert Rankine – Aerial Work Contracting
Barry Davis – Racing Gaming Policy	Barry Savage – Accounting Services
Paul Ewens – Legal Services (Private)	Neil Stewart – Building Societies
Peter Fanning – Police Adm. Industrial Relation	William Stewart – Building Societies
Robert Glovitch -	Michael Taranto – Mechanical Engineering
Carl Gorsuch – Business Consulting	Simon Wragg – Quantity Surveying

OUR INAUGURAL BOARD

Charter President	Charles Constance
Vice President	Barry Davis
Honorary Secretary	Mervyn Brooks
Honorary Treasurer	Barry Savage
President Elect	Neil Barrett
Club Service Director	Colin Minton
Community Service Director	Barry Davis
International Service Director	Paul Ewens
Vocational & Youth Service Director	Rod Meyers

PAST PRESIDENTS

1983-84	Charles Constance PHF	1994-95	Gary Smith
1984-85	Neil Barrett	1995-96	Chris Moyle
1985-86	Barry Davis PHF	1996-97	Rod Meyers PHF
1986-87	Ian Menzies	1997-98	Ken Hatfield PHF
1987-88	Mal Grosvenor PHF	1998-99	Ross Muir / John Mizen
1988-89	Neil Barrett	1999-00	John Mizen
1989-90	Geoff Wiff	2000-01	Barry Richards
1990-91	Stuart Shelby-James	2001-02	Rod Meyers PHF
1991-92	Ken Selwood	2002-03	Asha McLaren PHF
1992-93	Monty O Mahoney PHF	2003-04	Asha McLaren PHF
1993-94	Joe Davis PHF	2004-05	Joe Davis PHF

HIGHLIGHTS

In its 20-year history, the Club has been active in a large number of projects and programs, especially in the early years, the most significant being:

- ◆ **Provision** of a portable stage for PCYC;
- ◆ **Coordination** of the Mardi Gras for the Bougainvillea festival;
- ◆ **Construction** of a \$50,000 outdoor patient recuperation area at the Royal Darwin Hospital with support from the Government and other Rotary clubs;
- ◆ **Instigator** and regular contributor to Camp Quality in the Northern Territory since its inception;
- ◆ **Rotary Youth Exchange.** The club has hosted 9 students from overseas countries as well as sponsoring a number of students from the Northern Territory overseas;
- ◆ **Providing financial assistance** to local charities and Australian and International Rotary Programs including RAWCS, ROMAC, Polio Plus and the Rotary Foundation;
- ◆ **Instigated** and assisted the rehabilitation of the Duke St Rainforest;
- ◆ **Provision** of a split air conditioning system for Ambon Protestant Hospital;
- ◆ sponsorship of the education of three children in Indonesia;
- ◆ Regular successful film nights;
- ◆ **yearly raffle** for Paspaley Pearl;
- ◆ Earlier this year “a Big Morning Tea” was held with the profits **supporting** the Cancer Council;
- ◆ **Provision** of magazines for the Cowdy Ward;
- ◆ **Sponsorship** of a training course for a junior sailor; and
- ◆ **Supporting:** The Leprosy Mission, southern bushfires, sausage sizzle at the Home Show.

THE FINAL YEAR

As we moved into the year 2004/2005 centenary year of Rotary it became apparent that our declining membership was again undergoing further losses with one member taking extended leave of absence due to illness and another indicating an extended time away from Darwin due to well deserved long service leave.

This meant that for a large portion of the year our seven members were reduced to an effective five.

Despite our efforts to recruit new blood, our ageing membership and low numbers were simply not an attractive combination.

As well, the decision of Rotary International to charge us for a minimum of ten members placed an extra burden on the existing membership.

Added to the above the pressures placed upon the remaining members for fundraising and other community activity were enormous.

The debate that we had to have was finally raised. This was not an easy decision by President Joe but in the best interest of Rotary and the members generally over the ensuing months the debate continued.

Members were charged with attendance at other clubs to quietly assess their attitude towards accepting us into their ranks.

Once the decision was made to amalgamate/merge with another club we began negotiations with two clubs.

We were made to feel very welcome at Darwin Sunrise and there followed a series of meetings with myself and Malika Okeil eventually resulting in the amalgamation of both clubs, retaining the name of the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise (incorporating The Rotary Club of Port Darwin).

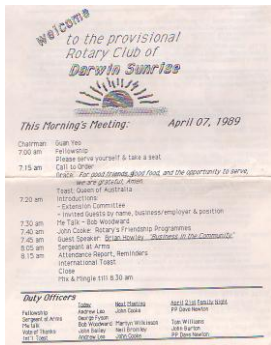
The new club will continue with our ongoing commitments as well as their own, it will be a truly amalgamated club.

We truly look forward to the opportunity to enjoy Rotary with all of you.

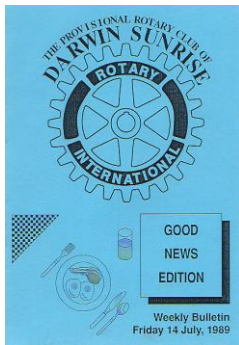
Joe Davis *PHF*
2004-05 Centennial President



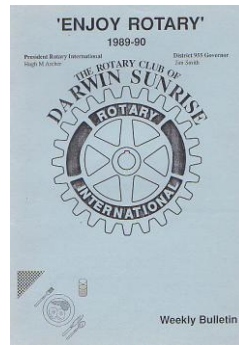
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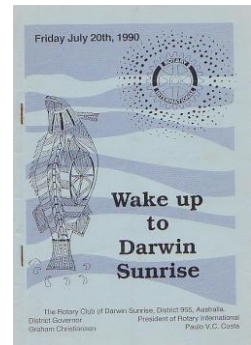
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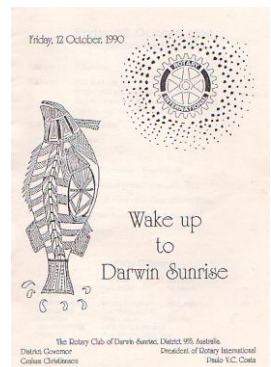
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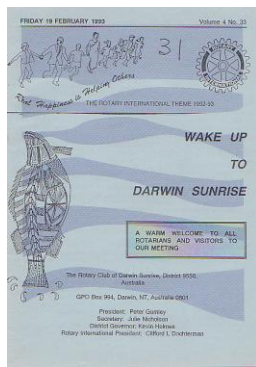
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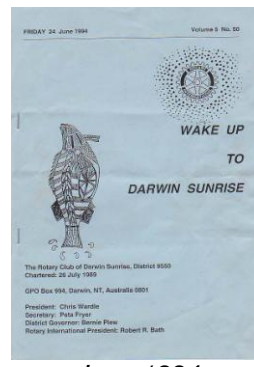
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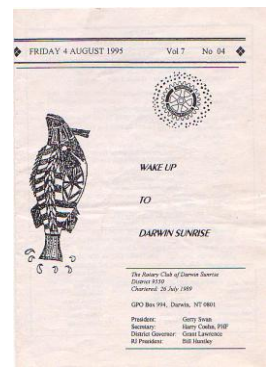
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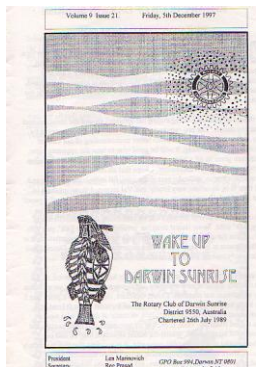
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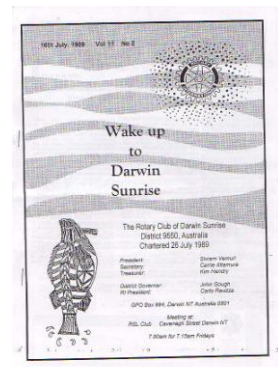
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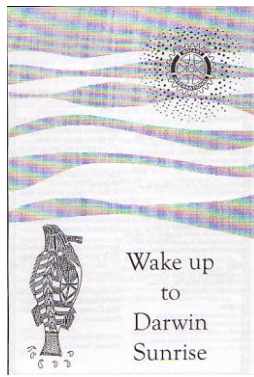
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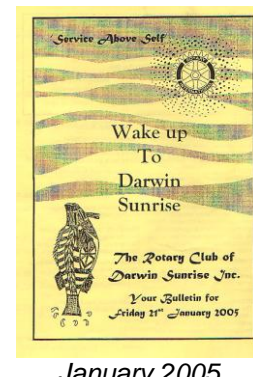
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2002 Changeover at Buzz Café



Michaela Keiser with Host parents & Councillor



Harry Coehn with Joyce Chua



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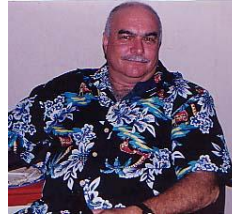
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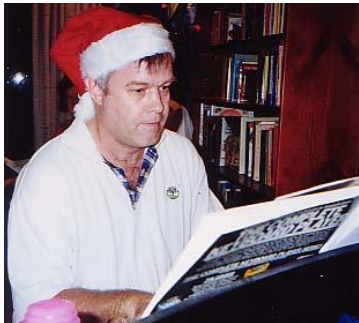
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Peter Poole at NT Ambulance Officer of the Year Awards 2001-02



2001 – Car Rally BBQ



2001 Xmas Carols



2003 Cairns District Conference - DG Dinner



2002 Mt Isa District Conference - DG Dinner



Christmas 2003 at the Sailing Club

2003/04 Changeover at Ten Litchfield



Tropical Garden Spectacular



2004 Orchid Spectacular



Presentation to Gail McBean – Bed wetting alarms

2004-05 Changeover at the Sailing Club



\$3,500 Donated to the Dukes Mob

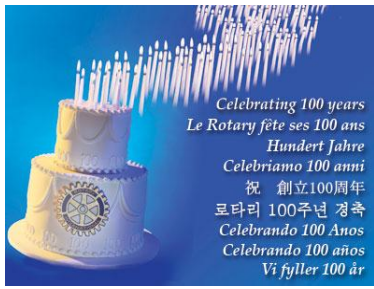


Farewell to Rod Strong



XMAS 2004 at Buzz Cafe





2004-05 Rotary Celebratory Functions – Italian Club and Parliament House



2004-05 Darwin Presidents



National Open Garden (2005)

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