

President Colin Nankervis 1998/99

Colin Nankervis, a well-known and respected businessperson, and former Mayor of Bendigo became President in 1998. Colin joined our Club in 1977 and has always been a very active member of our Club. Every Christmas, Colin undertakes to coordinate Carols by Candlelight in Bendigo.



In 1998, President Colin embarked on an ambitious plan that is still making a huge impact in the Bendigo community, today. Colin undertook to implement a program that involved the construction of 2 homes for young people at risk of homelessness.



With the support of the other Bendigo Rotary Clubs, President Colin committed many hours of his own time to ensure the project would succeed. A total of \$50,000 was committed to ensure the houses would be constructed.

In President Colin's year, the future of the Youth Camp became a focus for the Club; consequently, the Club decided to explore options for its future. As a result, it was decided the journey begin for the camp to eventually become a project of District 9800. With the support of Geoff McLeod, a detailed plan was developed with how the camp could be best utilized in the future.



It was decided the camp should be able to cater for individuals who have varying needs. Suitable accommodation needed to be built and the

recreation activities available should be accessible for all individuals. Furthermore, the camp should also cater for individuals who may be requiring rest and respite.



The Art Show and Pottery Exhibition was held together at the Bendigo Secondary College Gymnasium. Guests could see both exhibitions at the one venue. The Pottery Exhibition had been held in previous years at the RSL Hall. The new home for the Pottery Exhibition was the Canteen Area at the school.

As a result of the change, The Art Show, coordinated by Don Dennis, had now become the number one fundraiser for the Club with \$17,500 raised for Club funds.

The Dinner Auction also had a record amount raised during Colin's year, with more than \$16,000 donated to Club funds.

President Colin was also passionate about overseas projects. Colin demonstrated such, by not only providing 24 word-processors to schools in Samoa from Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE, but also covering the expenses with sending a member of staff from BRIT to install the word processors and provide training for students.



Two members of the Club accompanied the employee and carried out maintenance to water tanks that had already been provided in previous years. They also distributed sewing machines, typewriters, and wheelchairs.

Apart from assisting Samoa, President Colin directed all profits collected from The Great Penna Breakfast be sent to Bangladesh to provide cooking facilities for 82 Village Families.



The informative and educational environment program, Rivers to the Sea, championed by Jim Mahoney, held 3 excursions for classes during the year to educate children on the damaging effect of pollution in our rivers.



The Board during President Colin's year.



Neil Burdon, Daryl Watts, Gail Robertson. Garry Gunnell. Colin Nankervis, Ian Monotti, Larrie Winzar, Geoff McLeod, Ron Poyser. Absent Ros Bradbury.