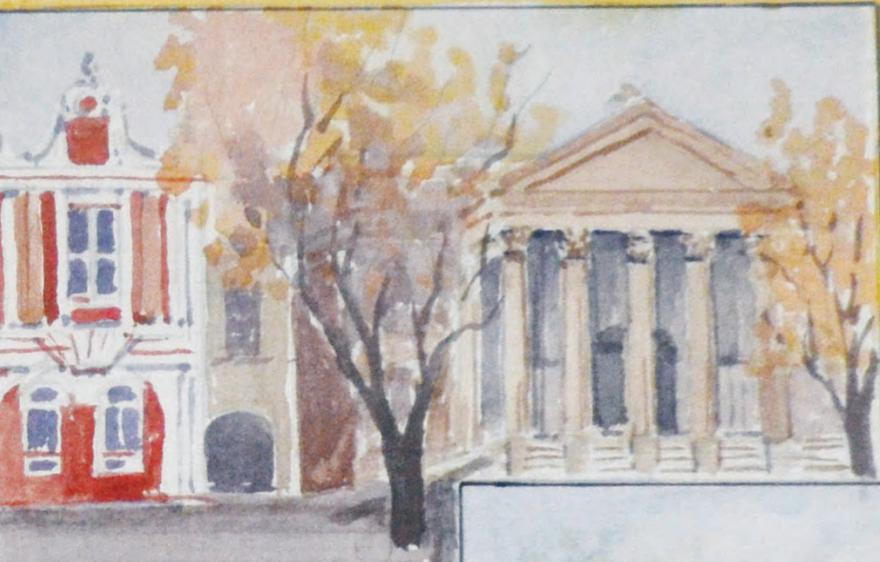




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1925-2015

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HISTORY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO 1925 – 2015

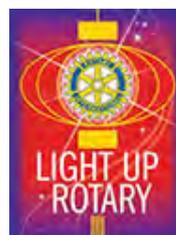
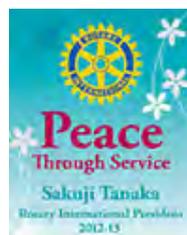
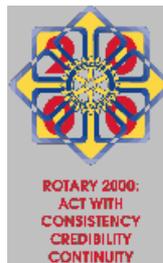
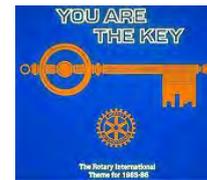
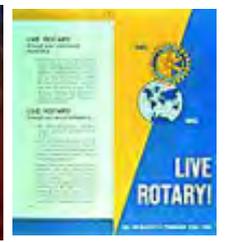
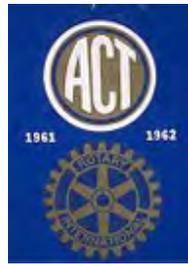
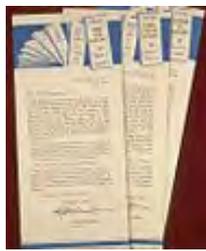
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“He is a Rotarian who regards every honourable man in his town as a partner in the greatest business in the world – that of making his community a fit and decent place to live in, a safe place in which to rear to maturity and citizenship and honour the little children, and a pleasant place for God to do his work in.”

This extract was quoted on a leaf of the first dinner programme of the Bendigo Rotary Club, in March, 1925.

The original history “**Golden Jubilee 1925 -1975**” of the Club
was compiled by Cyril J. Michelsen, M.B.E.
(who attended and reported the Charter Meeting of the Club in 1925)

This book was compiled by
Heather Hampton



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REFACE

It was a privilege to be asked to compile this history for the Rotary Club of Bendigo.

As a wife of a Rotarian, I have been able to see first-hand how keen and hard-working the members are. Their enthusiasm and dedication to projects requires nothing but admiration. As presented by the speakers in 1925, 'each Rotarian from their distinct profession is able to use their expertise in successfully achieving Rotary's goal – Service above Self'.

Over the ninety years of the Rotary Club of Bendigo, many Rotarians have come and gone, through relocation, due to lifestyle changes; and majority through mortality. A Rotarian usually stays for life.

Since 1925 each generation has changed from the previous, and this will continue to happen. The Club found the potential membership of young males was thwarted due to the change of dynamics in the household and lifestyle. These changes saw more women joining the workforce, many in key roles within the business community. With women now in their own 'distinct professions' it was time to invite them to join Rotary. This in turn would broaden the Rotary Club's arm. In 1992 for the first time, women were inducted into the Rotary Club of Bendigo.

Women in the Club gave the membership a new dimension, which the members embraced. This also lifted Club numbers for a while, however a membership committee to encourage new members was formed to ensure the Club continues to thrive into the future.

As Rotary is a team effort, names of Rotarians have been purposely omitted. On occasion a person may be mentioned in this history due to an exemplary achievement or to identify photographs.

Over the years there have been many Rotarians who became Presidents, District Governors, Paul Harris Fellows (with Sapphires); some members became OAM's. These people have been generous with their time, and have been or are dedicated people in the community. There have also been members who have achieved 100% attendance over several years; one in particular was former President the late Ken Hesse who completed 30 years of 100% continuous attendance.

One can only praise the Club for its ongoing project since 1948 - the Axedale Camp. This camp has continued for 67 years to be developed by this Club and in later years by the combined District Clubs. What a feat! Imagine how proud those Rotarians in 1946, when it was an 'idea', would feel today.

The Club has been involved in many projects, donated thousands of dollars and supported many people

and causes over the years. Unfortunately it is difficult to acknowledge them all; however a listing of many highlights throughout the 90 years has been collated in this book and makes interesting reading.

Some significant projects and community events are mentioned in more detail to show the extent of support the Rotary Club of Bendigo reaches. Rotary Exchange has always been a major part of the Club, and therefore it is important that a listing of more than 100 inbound and outbound students be incorporated in this book.

I have compiled this book for not only Rotarians, but for non-Rotarians to inform them how Rotary began and to explain how the Rotary Wheel rotates. There may be potential Rotarians, who will read the book, and decide that Rotary service is for them.

I hope you enjoy reading this book. I have enjoyed compiling this amazing piece of history, and thank the Rotary Club of Bendigo and all the current and past Club Historians for such thorough record keeping, and for furnishing me with my requests.

Heather Hampton



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ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO

278TH DISTRICT OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
Originally District No. 65, then 28, 280, 278, 980 - Now 9800

Special acknowledgement to the following Club Historians who tirelessly recorded the Club's 90 years of history.

Rotarian Charles Alexander (dec.)*

Rotarian Bruce Williamson (dec.)

Rotarian Hal Moors (dec.)

Rotarian John Krakowiak

*A special thank you to the late Rotarian Charles Alexander who chronicled by hand the history of the Club from 1925 to 1980. It is a treasured book of the Club, revealing the grand record of Rotary and Rotarians during that period of time.

Note:

The first 81 years of records were digitised by Rotarians John Krakowiak and Colin Burns (previous member), which took several years to accomplish.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



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Dear Rotary Club of Bendigo, Victoria, Australia members,

I am delighted to congratulate your club on its **90th** anniversary.

There is a point when we all must ask ourselves what legacy we want to leave in this world. Will we see someone's need and meet it? Will we work for peace and goodwill wherever we go? Will we try to make the lives of those around us better?

For 90 years, the Rotary Club of Bendigo, Victoria, Australia has answered those questions with tireless Service Above Self. Thanks to the work you do, Rotary is known as an organization that fills needs, fosters peace and goodwill, and improves lives in local and global communities.

Each Rotary club is unique. Successful clubs embrace the different strengths and passions of each member, and use that diversity to bring out the best in each individual for the good of all. Vibrant clubs are willing to be innovative in the ways they serve their communities, and the members know that when they gather every week, real and lasting change happens.

This anniversary is an important milestone. It not only marks your commitment to Rotary, and the commitment of Rotarians who have gone before you, but it presents the opportunity to renew your vision and passion for Service Above Self. It is a time to reflect on how we can grow Rotary, so that your club may continue to be effective for the next 90 years. It is an opportunity for us to *Be a Gift to the World* all over again, and that is a truly wonderful thing.

I congratulate all of you and wish you the best in your next year as a club.

Sincerely,

K.R. Ravindran
2015-16 President, Rotary International



*Larrie Winzar
Rotary Club of
Bendigo
President
2015-16*



I consider it a great honour to be President of the Rotary Club of Bendigo as we celebrate our 90 years of service, innovation and passion.

We welcome each member bringing his/her unique gifts to our club, which was the second club chartered in the State of Victoria and the eighth club established in Australia. We have proudly chartered seven thriving clubs.

Our proud history and vibrant future is due to consistently reviewing projects and introducing new initiatives with community engagement locally and internationally.

The Rotary Club of Bendigo has the feel of an extended family – we are blessed to have members spanning several decades, a wide range of vocations, and a vibrant mix of personalities.

In a world constantly throwing up challenges, the Rotary Club of Bendigo embraces the opportunity to respond to those in need, to do things differently where appropriate and, through staying true to Rotary values, understands the difference between change for changes sake and doing something innovative and empowering that will make a positive difference in the world.

Most clubs, businesses, organisations, or even people, don't have the opportunity of celebrating 90 years. We're very proud of our achievements of the past and the lives we have changed for the better. With a myriad of ideas and an innovative, enthusiastic, growing membership, we are equally passionate about our future and look forward to celebrating our centenary in ten short years.

Larrie Winzar

President
Rotary Club of Bendigo



THE WORLD'S FIRST SERVICE CLUB



PAUL HARRIS

*Founder and Past President Emeritus
of Rotary International*

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, was formed on 23rd February, 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

By 1921 Rotary Clubs had been formed on six continents.

The organisation adopted the Rotary International name a year later.

As Rotary grew, its mission expanded beyond serving club members' professional and social interests. Rotarians began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to help service communities in need.

The organisation's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its motto: "Service above Self".



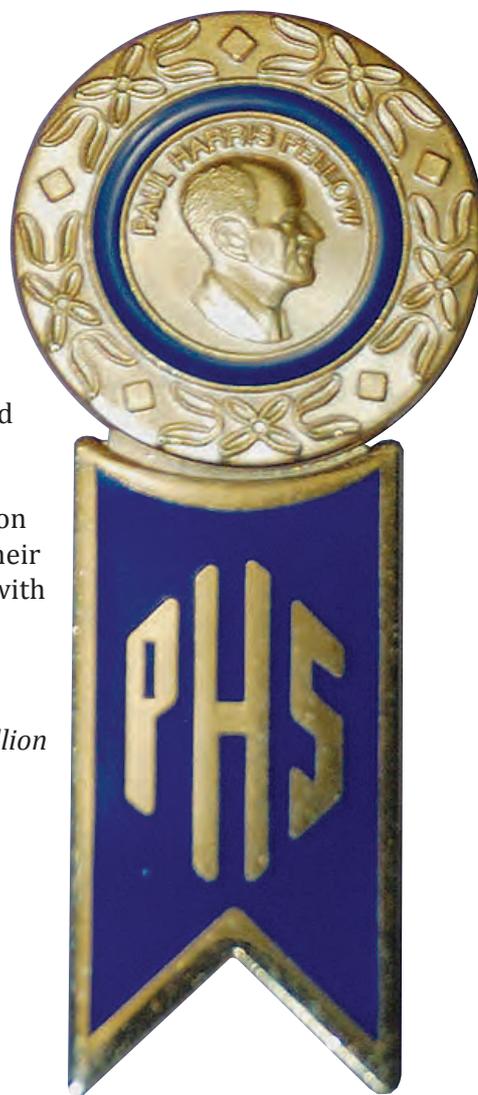
Paul Harris (second from right) dedicating a honey locust tree to the Rotary Club of Bendigo in his garden in 1937.

THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY

Named after Rotary's founder, the Paul Harris Society recognises Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who contribute \$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund PolioPlus, or approved global grants. The purpose of the Paul Harris Society is to honour and thank individuals for their generosity of annual support to The Rotary Foundation.

A Paul Harris Fellow is presented in recognition of a Rotarian or citizen who has excelled in his or her contribution to Rotary or Community, and is presented with a commemorative certificate, a pin, and a medallion. Many Rotary Club of Bendigo members and dedicated members of the Community have been presented with a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of 'Service above Self'. A Paul Harris Fellow, who continues to excel in their dedication, is presented with another award called Paul Harris Fellow with Sapphire.

Paul Harris Medallion



THE FOUR WAY TEST



In 1932, Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor during a business crisis wrote 'The Four-Way Test', a code of ethics adopted by Rotary 11 years later.

Herb gave the right to use his famous Four Way Test to Rotary International in 1942 and also gave the movement the copyright in 1954 - the year when he himself served as Rotary International President.

The test, which has been translated into more than 100 languages, asks the following questions of Rotarians:

THE FOUR WAY TEST

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. **Is it the TRUTH?**
2. **Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
3. **Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
4. **Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"**

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1925

A representative meeting was held in the Bendigo Town Hall on March 12, 1925. Prominent Rotarians visited Bendigo and met a representative gathering of citizens. The visitors comprised of Professor W.A. Osborne, Commissioner of Rotary International; Mr. G.E. Emery, Acting President of Melbourne Rotary Club; and Mr. W. A. Drummond, Honorary Secretary of Melbourne Rotary Club.

The Mayor Cr. E.M. Vains presided and 20 leading citizens were present. Addresses on the principles of Rotary were given by Professor Osborne and Messrs. Emery and Evans. The speakers explained that a Rotary Club was a group of representative business and professional men, one man from each distinct business or profession in a community who, without secret vow, dogma or creed, but each in his own way has accepted the Rotary philosophy of service.

On the 19th March, 1925 the inaugural meeting of the Rotary Club of Bendigo was held at Favaloro's Café in Pall Mall, Bendigo. Twenty Bendigo citizen representatives of the most important phases of the business and industrial activity of the city met at the newly formed weekly luncheon meeting, and joined enthusiastically in affirming the necessity for good-fellowship and community service before self.

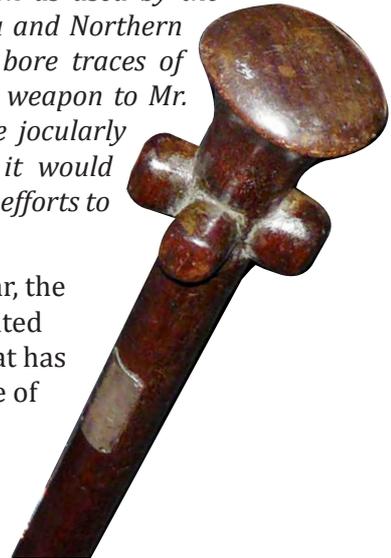
Six visitors from the Rotary Club of Melbourne who sponsored Bendigo attended the first luncheon, and Bendigo was on its way. Greetings came from all over

Australia including congratulations from Sir John Monash, Sir Henry Braddon, Sir Henry Jones and Mr. Warren Kerr. There was a cable from Mr. Carter, secretary of the British Rotary Clubs conveying greetings from 10,000 British Rotarians.

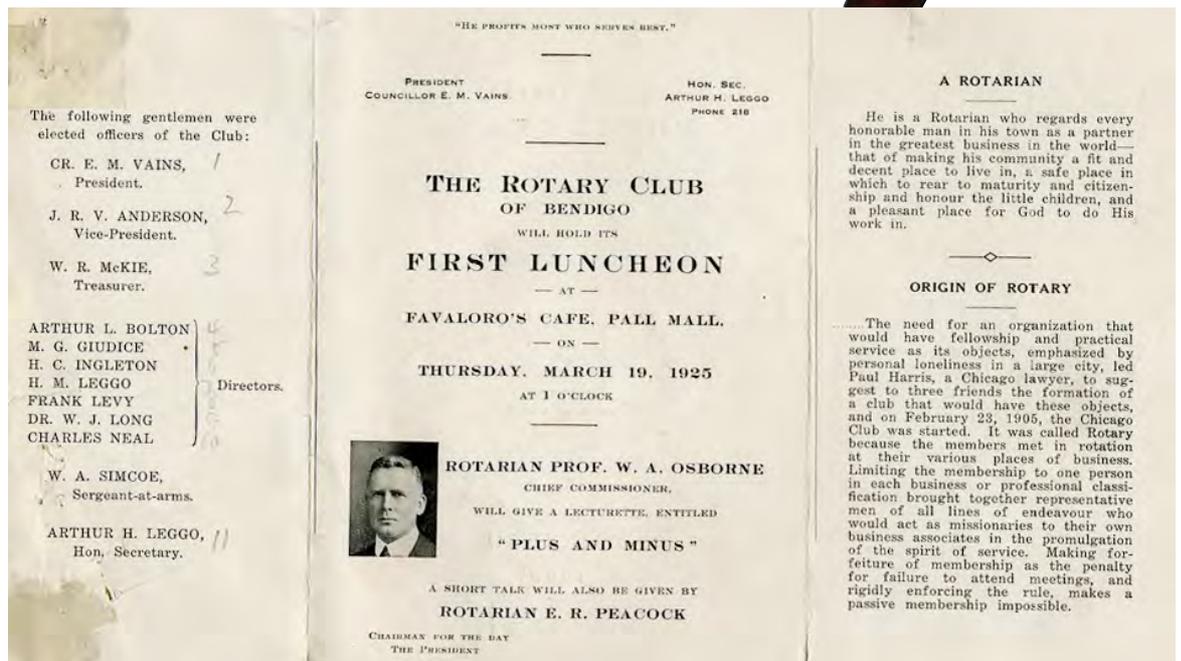
Below is an excerpt from an article published in the Bendigo Advertiser on March 20, 1925

'Mr. W.A. Simcoe, sergeant-at-arms of the Club, was presented with the official mace by Professor W.A. Osborne, Commissioner of Rotary International, who mentioned that the weapon was originally obtained some years ago by a collector who declared it to be a genuine aboriginal weapon as used by the natives of the New Guinea and Northern Queensland. It originally bore traces of blood but, in handing the weapon to Mr. Simcoe, Professor Osborne jocularly expressed the hope that it would not be blood-stained in his efforts to maintain order.'

At the end of each Rotary year, the incoming President is presented with the mace, a tradition that has continued throughout the life of the Club.



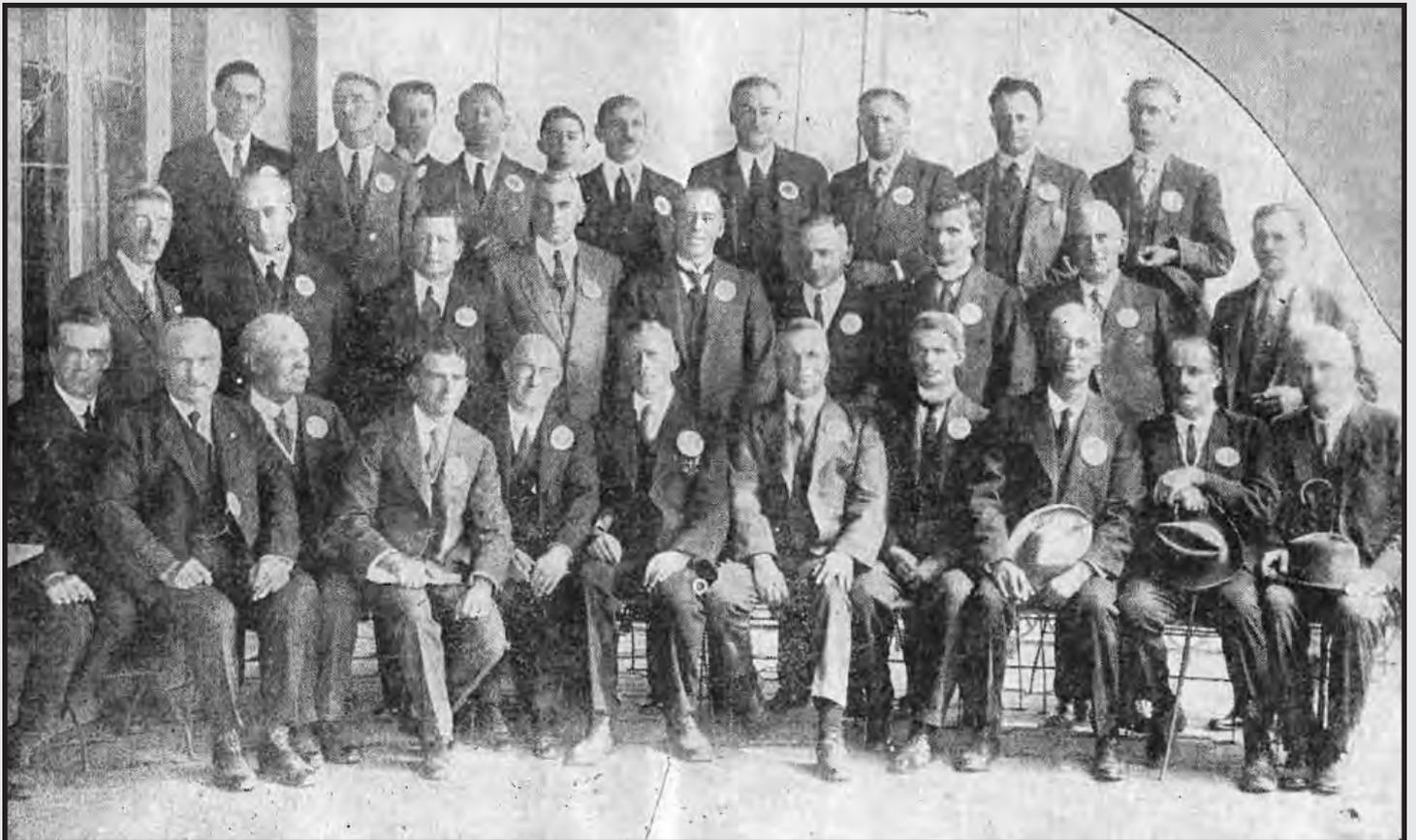
A copy of the programme for the first meeting of the Rotary Club of Bendigo held at Favaloro's Café on 19th March, 1925



CHARTER MEMBERS

President:	The Mayor of Bendigo - Cr. E.M. Vains (Stock & Station Agent)	
Vice President:	Mr. J.R.V. Anderson (Education)	
Hon. Secretary:	Mr. A.H. Leggo	(Timber Merchant)
Treasurer:	Mr. W. McKie	(Public Accountant)
Board of Directors:	Cr. M.G. Giudice (Merchant Real Estate), Messrs. A.L. Bolton (Manufacturing Stationer), H.C. Ingleton (Town Clerk), H.M. Leggo (Merchant), C.F. Neal (Solicitor), F. Levy (Wine and Spirit Merchant), Dr. W.J. Long (Surgeon)	
Sargeant-at-Arms:	Simcoe, W.A.	(Gas Engineer)
Members:	Cowling, W.	(Motor Car Agency)
	Baker, D.	(The Bishop of Bendigo - Clergy)
	Cole, G.F.	(Electrical Engineer)
	Flight, O. Jnr.	(Civil Engineer)
	Favaloro, D.	(Café)
	Flight, O. Snr.	(Music Warehouse)
	Jeffrey, W.	(Grocer)
	Longstaff, H.F.	(Wholesale Woollen Goods)
	Lansell, G.V.	(Newspaper Proprietor)
	Peach, P.	(Bank Manager)
	Rankin, R.A.	(Trustees Co.)
	Tredinnick, W.	(District Traffic Superintendent)
	Woolcock, E.H.	(Sharebroker)

BENDIGO ROTARY CLUB'S FIRST PUBLIC GATHERING



*Back row (left to right): Messrs O. Flight, S. G. Moore, E. H. Woolcock, F. Levy, D Favaloro, C. F. Neal, W. B. McKie, M. G. Giudice, O. Flight sen.
Middle row: J. Thompson, G. F. Cole, H. C. Ingleton, P. Peach, W. A. Simcoe, W. Tredinnick, W. Cowling, W. Jeffrey, H. Longstaff.
Front row: W. H. Doery, W. E. B. Macleod, E. B. Peacock, W. A. Drummond, A. H. Leggo, Professor W. A. Osborne, Mayor of Bendgo Cr. E. M. Vains, J. R. V. Anderson, A. J. Eckersley, G. V. Lansell, W. J. Long. - Bendigo Advertiser 23/3/1925.*

EARLY ON THE SCENE

Bendigo was early on the Rotary scene in Australia, being just the second club formed in Victoria and only the eighth in the nation.

A glance at the clubs in order of charter is interesting:

Melbourne	(No. 906)	April 1921
Sydney	(No. 926)	May, 1921
Brisbane	(No. 1489)	May, 1923
Newcastle	(No. 1581)	December, 1923
Adelaide	(No. 1622)	February, 1924
Hobart	(No. 1802)	August, 1924
Launceston	(No. 1803)	August, 1924
Bendigo	(No. 2104)	July, 1925
Geelong	(No. 2144)	October, 1925
Ballarat	(No. 2181)	December, 1925
Rockhampton	(No. 2211)	August, 1925
Parramatta	(No. 2383)	June, 1926

Bendigo's Charter No. 2104 was not presented to the Club until July, 30, 1925. Signatures on the Charter are those of Rotary International President, Donald A. Adams and Secretary Chesley R. Perry.

Rotary Club 2104, the second Club in Victoria to the Rotary Club of Melbourne, followed the path of service and acted to make an inestimable contribution to the community. It has fostered Rotary extension by surrounding itself with other Rotary Clubs as shown in the sponsorship of the seven clubs below:-

- 1935 - Castlemaine
- 1939 - Swan Hill
- 1948 - Echuca
- 1959 - Bendigo South
- 1966 - Eaglehawk
- 1979 - Bendigo Strathdale
- 1988 - Bendigo Sandhurst

In 1980 the Rotary Club of Bendigo, together with the Rotary Clubs of Bendigo South, Eaglehawk and Bendigo Strathdale combined their skills to build a Rotary Fountain at Lake Weeroona to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Rotary International, and the 55th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Bendigo.

Other 75th Anniversary highlights were a Family Day at Eaglehawk, a combined Anniversary Dinner with a combined Rotarians Choir conducted by Frank Mamouney.

Thanks to a corporate effort a special Anniversary Bulletin edition was compiled. A lift out Rotary Supplement appeared in the Gazette newspaper and a window display was exhibited in a city shop.

The District Governor Geoff Betts offered this quote by H.G. Wells to the four participating Clubs.

***"The past is but the beginning of a beginning,
and all that is, and has been, is but the
twilight of the dawn."***

A few lines of a whimsical verse were read at the dinner which expressed the spirit at the time.

*"Rotarians of Bendigo have come to UNITE
Pooled their achievements - assembled their might,
And working together we've all climbed a mountain
The results of our efforts - a beautiful fountain."
(author unknown)*

Ninety years on and the Rotary Club of Bendigo has prospered; enabling the club to provide a lasting benefit to Bendigo and districts. Over years the club can be proud of its achievements, proving the full acceptance by Bendigo Rotarians of the Rotary way of life in fellowship, vocational service, community service and international service.

Rotary's motto is "Service above Self", and because of this, Rotarians are not inclined to blow the trumpet of the Club's fine deeds, but non-Rotarians know that members past and present have rendered service far beyond the ordinary limits of citizenship. They salute the Rotary Club of Bendigo in celebration of 90 years of service to Bendigo and districts, nationally and internationally - "for the purpose of doing good in the world".

Now in 2015 Rotarians and non-Rotarians pause and pay tribute to those twenty-five pioneering Rotarians who, back in 1925 set things in motion for a solid Rotary Club in Bendigo.



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION OUR CHARITY

In 1917 RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed that an endowment be set up "for the purpose of doing good in the world". In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US\$5,000, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs.

Throughout time, support of the Foundation grew tremendously. Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, it has received contributions totalling more than \$1 billion. More than \$70 million was donated in 2003-04 alone. Such strong support, along with Rotarian involvement worldwide, ensures a secure future for The Rotary Foundation as it continues its vital work for international understanding and world peace.

The Rotary Club of Bendigo has contributed to the Foundation as well as taking on projects through Rotary International with such causes as rebuilding Samoa, Operation Cleft, ROMAC (Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children) and Polio Plus to name a few.

DISTRICT GOVERNORS

A highlight in the history of the Club is the members who have served as District Governors of District 9800. They were Rotarian Arthur L. Bolton (1936-37) and Rotarian Ernest F. Granger (1962-63). Rotarian Ray Downey was also District Governor of District 9780 before joining this Club.

The Ray Downey Award is a special Club Award that recognises a Club member of five years or less for outstanding "Service Above Self" and is presented by the family of the late Ray Downey.

CONFERENCES

The first Australian Rotary Conference was held in Melbourne in March, 1926, with Bendigo officially represented by Messrs. M.G. Giudice and E.M. Vains. Bendigo and Ballarat memberships in 1926 were listed as 30 each. Rotarian Donald Baker - Bishop of Bendigo addressed one of the sessions.

Rotary in Bendigo, that was showing all the signs of progress with strong administrative growth, hosted the 65th District Annual Conference which was held on the 13-14th March, 1933. With more than 300 Rotarians registered for the conference held at the Masonic Hall in View Street, Bendigo, it was deemed an outstanding success.

Pictured is the invitation to the Club's Golden Jubilee Ball and below are the conference delegates and their wives on the steps of the Masonic Hall during the luncheon break on the first day of the 1933 conference.



ON THE WORLD STAGE

This speech was published in the August, 1926 issue of the 'Rotarian Magazine' under the heading 'Australia'.

The speech was presented to nearly 9,000 Rotarians at the Seventeenth Annual Rotary International Convention held in Denver, USA, by Rotarian Gabriel Giudice, member of the Rotary Club of Bendigo.

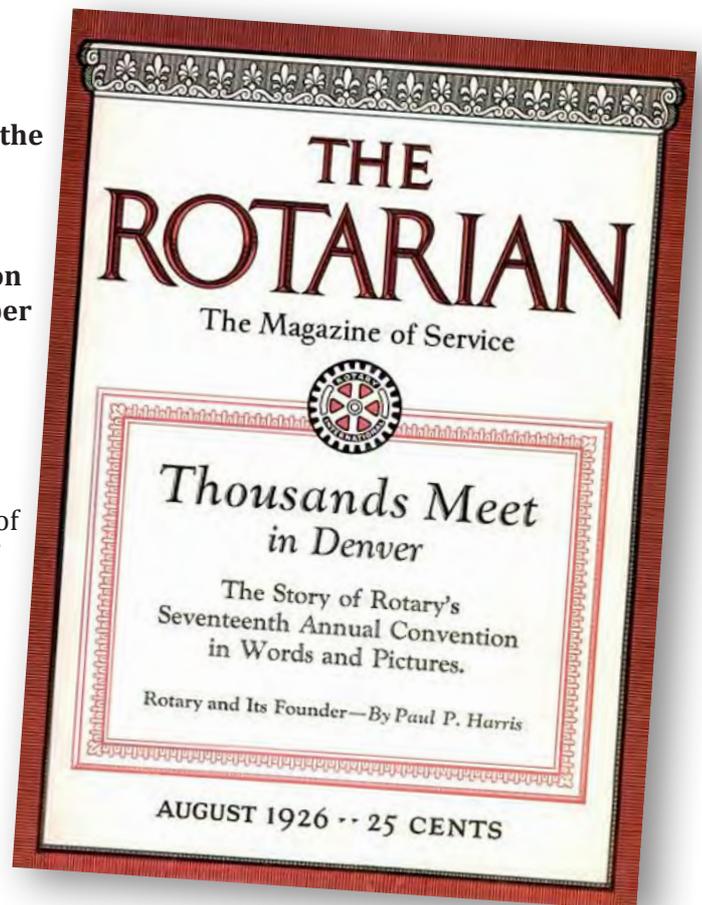
To me has been entrusted a great honour and a privilege to present on behalf of our Rotary Clubs of Australia, to this convention of the Rotary Clubs of the World, this Australian Flag.

At the conference held at Melbourne in March last, it was unanimously decided that this presentation be made. It is presented as an act of appreciation for the giving of Rotary to Australia, where it was firmly planted five years ago and from which source great and innumerable benefits have been derived.

This year it was greatly nourished and strengthened by the visit to Australia of Rotarian Everett Hill. Everywhere he visited he spread the Rotary gospel and promoted the Rotary spirit. By his agreeable, lovable, sincere, and wonderful speeches and his enthusiasm for Rotary he endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact and he left a sweet and lasting memory. His presence in Australia was a delightful inspiration to the Rotarians of our country and we thank Rotary International for it. His speeches at the Melbourne Conference created a profound impression and filled those present with feelings of pride to think that they were members of the great Rotary Brotherhood and fondly left us with an ardent desire to do our part to organise Rotary Clubs in every city and further its principles throughout Australia. His visit to my own city of Bendigo will be long remembered and has left a desire for greater achievements. He left behind him a ray of sunshine.

I congratulate you, Mr. President, on this wonderful convention and will take back to Australia delightful memories of it. I bring with me greeting from the Melbourne Club and also from my own club of the City of Bendigo.

I present to you this priceless gift, the greatest we can offer. I ask you to accept it as a token of our love and friendship; our flag, the flag of beloved Australia. May it ever be wafted in the breezes alongside the Stars and Stripes of America, with the flag of Rotary drawing the two flags and the flags of all nations together by the spirit of peace, good will, contentment, trust and understanding between all nations and peoples, for the brotherhood of man and, finally, for the greater glory of God.



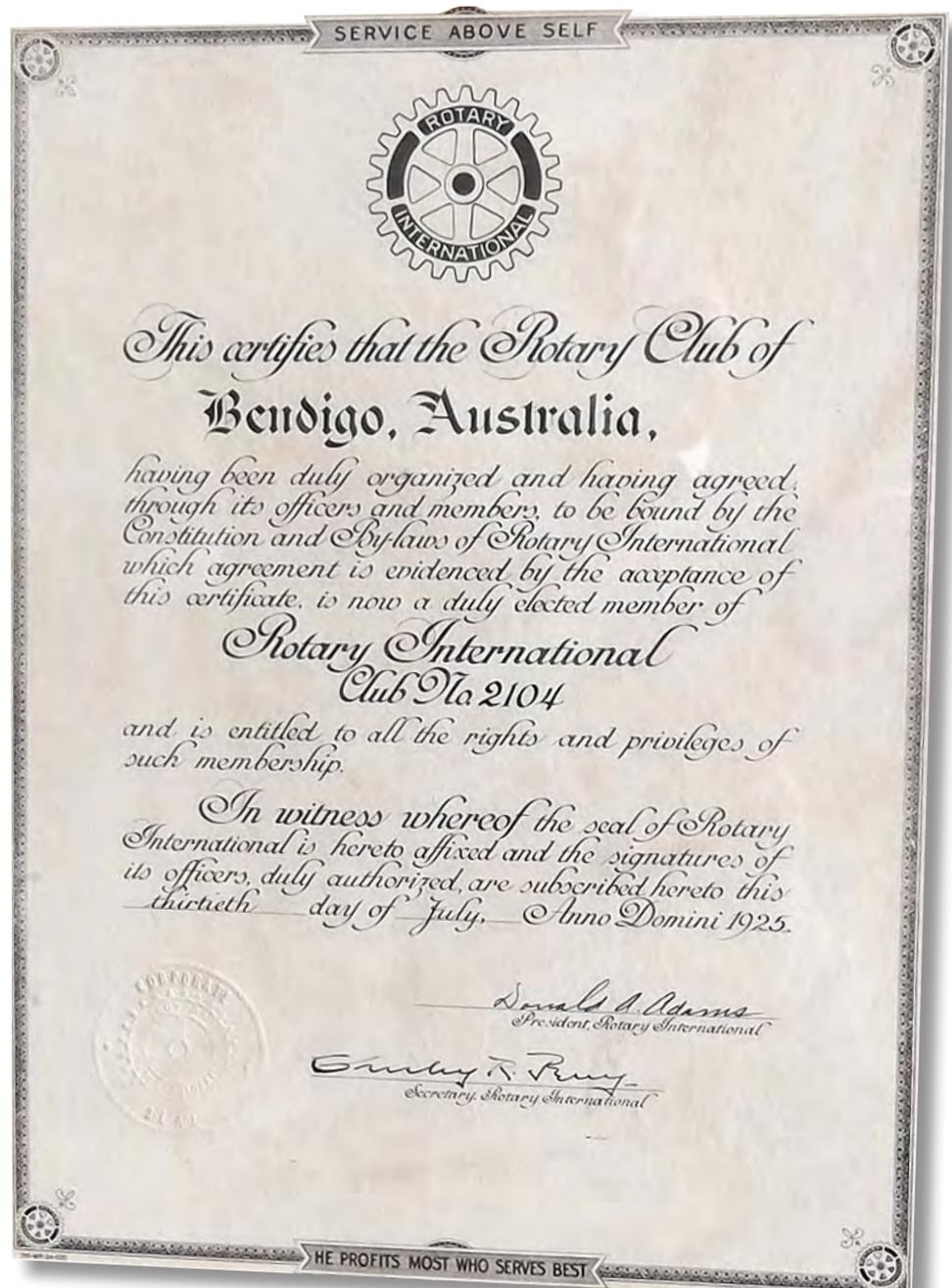


HISTORICAL MOMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1905** The world's first service Club was formed by Paul Harris
- 1911** A Club formed in London
- 1914** Melbourne Businessman, Walter Drummond, visited USA in 1914 and visited many Clubs in America and Canada and the seeds of Rotary Foundation in Australia were sown.
The war intervened and it was not until 1921 that Rotary Commissioners came to Australia on an establishment mission.
- 1921** Australia's first Club formed in Melbourne. Inaugural luncheon held April 21, 1921, at Scott's Hotel. Sydney Club formed the same year.
- 1922-25** Rotary International appointed Professor Osborne as Commissioner.
Professor Osborne formed clubs in Adelaide, Hobart, Launceston, Bendigo, Geelong and Ballarat.
- 1927** Australia proclaimed Rotary District No. 65. Fred Birks appointed first District Governor, and was succeeded by District Governor Alfred Holtz, who was the last District Governor to control the whole of Australia.
July - Australia divided into two districts - 65 and 76. Fred Birks first District Governor of new district No. 76 and Rotarian L.J.C. Mitchell the first District Governor of District No. 65 of which the Rotary Club of Bendigo's became part.
- 1931** 3000 children involved in a Boys' Week and later a Girls' Week
- 1933** "Four Way Test" first publicised.
- 1935** The Club sponsored the Rotary Club of Castlemaine
- 1938** In the Rotary Year ending 1938 membership was 52, passing the half century for the first time.
Initiation of an Infantile Paralysis Aftercare Program
- 1939** The Club sponsored the Rotary Club of Swan Hill
- 1947** Rotary's founder Paul Harris died January 27.
Rotary fellowships established and dedicated to Paul Harris.
- 1948** Angus Mitchell from the Rotary Club of Melbourne was the first Australian President of Rotary International.
Axedale Youth Camp opened.
The Club sponsored the Rotary Club of Echuca
- 1949** Bendigo's new Rotary District is No. 28.
Rotary re-established in Japan, Korea, Germany, and elsewhere following disbandment during the war.
Initiation of Bendigo's Free Library
- 1957** Bendigo Rotary included in District No. 280.
- 1959** The Club sponsored the Rotary Club of Bendigo South
- 1963** Commencement in Rotary's Youth Exchange Program involvement
- 1964** A Wishing Well constructed at Camp Hill
- 1965** Bendigo's new Rotary District No. is 278 being the combination of Districts 250 and 280/
Marking the 40th Anniversary of the receipt of the Club's Charter, it was decided to purchase name badges for all Past Presidents.
At the beginning of the 1965-66 year Rotary District No. 278 was formed by taking 24 clubs from Districts 250 and 9, including the Rotary Club of Bendigo.
- 1966** The Club sponsored the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk
- 1968** The Easter Art Show first held in the Queen Victoria Gardens
- 1970** The Club's first Carols By Candlelight was held in Rosalind Park
- 1972** Joint sponsor of the Bendigo Rotaract Club with the Rotary Club of Bendigo South
Interact Club was formed at Bendigo High School.
- 1974** Major support - the new Children's Ward in the Base Hospital
- 1975** Bendigo's membership is now 100.
A Floral Clock presented to the City of Bendigo (The clock has since been dismantled)
The Club's Golden Jubilee Anniversary and the first club history book published.

1977	Bendigo's new Rotary District No. is 980. The Club's membership is 112	1995	Primary School Children with leadership potential at Youth Camp
1978	Rotary International Australian President Clem Renouf from Nambour, Queensland		Bendigo District Clubs celebrated Rotary International 90th anniversary
1979	The Club sponsored the Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale		Rotary World Window Week – window displays
1980	The four Rotary Clubs of Bendigo combined to construct a Rotary Fountain at Lake Weeroona to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Rotary International.	1996	New ambulance donated to St. John's Ambulance Farm Aid x 10 months to 175 farm families Club won Highest Achievement Award (Farm Aid)
1981	Christmas Puddings first sold as a fundraiser	1997	Homes for young single mums continuing education supported
1985	Participation in the National Science Summer School		Art and Pottery Show venue moved to Bendigo Senior Secondary College
1987	The Pottery Exhibition and Sales conducted as a separate event to the Art Show		Catering for Bendigo Swap Meet began
1988	The Club sponsored the Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst Anti-Cancer – Skin Cancer awareness program Pocket Directory for members introduced Rotary International Australian President, Royce Abbey from Essendon, Victoria visits the Club Camp Breakaway held at Axedale Camp for underprivileged children	1998	Rotary International Australian President, Glen Kinross from Brisbane, Queensland Six Bendigo Rotary Clubs commence building two homes for young single mums continuing education project Swap Meet Catering raised \$25,000
1989	Hosted Group Study Teams from Japan Helped bring to Australia for major surgery a 13 year old girl from Fiji	1999	Homes for young single mums continuing education project completed The Youth Camp now a District Project Dinner Auction raised \$24,000
1990	Two members went to Papua, New Guinea on a work party	2000	The Rotary Fountain at Lake Weeroona was illuminated to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Bendigo. (The fountain has since been dismantled) 75th Anniversary publication prepared
1991	Bendigo's new Rotary District No. is 9800 Digital piano donated to Capital Theatre	2001	Men's Health Forum Service projects raised \$78,000
1992	The first women were inducted into the Club. Distributed \$45,000 to Charities	2002	The Club started communicating via email to the majority of members
1993	Members attended Rotary International Convention in Melbourne Supported Bone Marrow Research Institute Hosted G.S.E. Team from Thailand	2003	Formalisation of the Club's association with the Rotary Club of Los Altos by way of a Twin Club Agreement
1994	Citation for Best Awards Programs \$17,500 raised to help flood victims N.E. Vic. Concert raised \$4,700 for fire Victims in N.S.W. \$25,000 in medical supplies for Apia Samoa \$150,000 Raised for Rotary Farm Aid Program	2005	Celebration of the 80th Anniversary hosted by the Rotary Club of Bendigo Strathdale
		2006	Delivered hundreds of hampers to remote communities to assist with drought relief. The Club creates its own website. The 82 year historical records were digitised to preserve the Club's history.

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| <p>2007 Inducted 26 new members.
Star Thrower – this pilot program pampered rural women during tough times.
Awarded the perpetual trophy for best web page in district.</p> <p>2008 Golf Day resurrected in aid of ‘Operation Cleft’, with \$8,000 raised.
Traffic and Parking Control generated \$6,500 for the Club.
Donated \$5,000 to the ‘Black Saturday’ fire appeal.</p> <p>2009 Funds were allocated for a permanent Outdoor Stage for the community and a working party was formed to liaise with the City of Greater Bendigo for the project.
The first year of the Combined Goldfields Cluster meeting was held.</p> <p>2010 Assisted flood victims in Rochester - the biggest flood for over 50 years, and organised a Flood Relief Concert at the Capital Theatre in Bendigo.</p> | <p>2011 Community Outreach Initiative (COI). Hosted volunteers from the COI in late September 2011, on their way to work on flood recovery at Benjeroop.</p> <p>2012 Sponsored a project to raise awareness of health issues in Nepal.
A Club Strategic Plan and Vision was developed for 2013-2016</p> <p>2013 Helped recycle retired police uniforms for East Timor.</p> <p>2014 Pre meeting emails were sent out promoting the weekly meetings and the guest speakers to boost attendance, which proved successful.</p> <p>2015 90th Anniversary Celebration held at the Capital Theatre, Bendigo. The second club history book published.</p> |
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The Rotary Club of Bendigo Charter.

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YEARS OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

WAR TIME ACTIVITY

On Active Service – The following Rotarians on active service were listed as Honorary Members:- M. Jacobs (A.I.F.), A.M. Bush (A.I.F.), W.H. Porteous (R.A.A.F.), and J. Barton (R.A.A.F.).

In the turbulence of war the spectacular fires of nationalism attracted more attention than the friendly warmth of internationalism. The purpose of International Service in Rotary therefore, had to be two fold. (i) To ensure the victory of the allied nations. (ii) To promote relationships between democratic (i.e. Rotary) nations, as would serve as a model for the post war world.

Club members established pen friendships by means of greeting cards, with each member writing a letter of sympathy, encouragement and admiration for the marvellous spirit displayed by the people during their time of trial to clubs in the bombed areas of Great Britain

In 1944 the Club maintained the upkeep of three prisoners of war. On the home front each child at St. Luke's Toddlers Home received at least one pair of shoes each year. In the following year the International Service Committee of the Club combined with other local committees in a house to house canvass for clothing to be distributed in war-torn Europe. The result was 179 sacks of clothing, weighing five tons being despatched.

In the 21st year, the Club membership showed a further increase to 64. This was 1946, and yet another new appeal saw Rotary in the front line with a Food for Britain Appeal. Club members conducted a house canvass of the entire City and collected several tons of foodstuffs which was packed and sent to Britain.

CITY LIBRARY

Bendigo Rotary was truly at first base in providing an adequate free library for the City of Bendigo. The Community Service Committee had the library service as its principal objective in 1949. Through its representations, and with the support of other local committees and backed by the Victorian Free Library Board, and the State Government substantial provisions were made for the establishment of the Library.

In addition to annual grants and contributions which finally amounted to £2,700 per annum, the Government gave £10,000 to build the library. Sixteen thousand books in the old library at the Bendigo School of Mines were made available, and £1,000 was available for purchasing new books. A committee of four councillors and six citizens were elected and Rotary was well represented on this body. In 1950 the free library became an established fact and was opened in May. In that year Bendigo Rotary made its first contribution to the Rotary Foundation Fellowship.

ASSISTING INSTITUTIONS

Patients in the T.B. Chalet, Polio After Care and Repatriation Wards were treated once a month to Film shows which were very much appreciated.

In 1952 a radio installation was provided throughout the wards of the Benevolent Home. To raise money for this, Speed Car Races were held on a section of the youth camp at Axedale and the day proved a bumper success. Two thousand cars were parked at the camp and eleven buses transported others to the site. Over £300 was raised and the complete equipment was purchased and installed by willing workers at working bees.



The Bendigo Benevolent Home thought to be pictured around the 1960's

ACHIEVEMENTS

Promotion of international understanding was shown in an Asian Students Weekend during the Christmas of 1959. Twenty-three students from Melbourne University combined with eleven students from Bendigo School of Mines spent a few days together in social functions and visits.

Visits were made to the countryside to see typical agricultural industries; and they also visited the homes of Rotarians.

Occupational Information of Youth was Bendigo's major project in 1959-60. The principal activity was a Careers Information Night in the City Hall, which was a joint affair between the clubs of Bendigo and Bendigo South.

A Vocational Service triumph in 1964 was organising a Train of Knowledge, which resulted in transporting 1,000 children to Melbourne, where they were cared for by the Rotary Club of Melbourne.

The Rotary Club of Bendigo has recognised many achievements in the youth field including: Rotary Shield for Scouts, Rotary Cup and Pennant for Guides, School Bursaries and an Award for the Outstanding Apprentice of the Year.

In its third year (1927-28) the Rotary Club of Bendigo launched a Boys' Week, which received the co-operation of City Council, District Schools, Boy Scout Movement, Legacy Club and Y.M.C.A.

The week was held between April 27 and May 4, 1929. A Club highlight was a Father and Son Luncheon and entertainment for boys of all ages held in the Y.M.C.A. building. Church services, visits to district industries escorted by Rotarians, and a keen football competition for which Bendigo Rotary presented sets of Guernseys for winning teams in A and B grades.

During the depression years 1933-35 the Club gave valuable support to the Mayoral Spend for Employment Campaign, which resulted in improved employment in the district. The Club also gave practical assistance to the Mayor's Unemployment Relief Funds, the Boy's Employment Movement and the Mayor's Blanket Fund.

Evidence of the growth of Youth Week was shown in the attendance of 3000 children at special lectures provided by the Club in co-operation with the State Electricity Commission. The Club was active in an Appeal for After Care for Infantile Paralysis Sufferers and did noble work for the Boy Scouts, assisting in the acquiring of a Scout Park.

A big social event in 1939 was the Rotary Ball, organised to assist the Bendigo Agricultural Society, was a big success, both socially and financially. The guest of honour was the Governor-General of Australia, Lord Gowrie.

Communications were received from Bendigo's two paired clubs overseas – the Rotary Club of Bristol, Rhode Island, and the Rotary Club of Cheshire, Connecticut. In this year of 1964 as a result of an appeal by Rotary International President Carl Miller on the pair scheme, Bendigo Rotary completed an audio-visual film of Bendigo and district for circulation in Australia and overseas.

The film proved a great success, being shown around the Bendigo district before being sent to Rotary Exchange Students in the United States. The film was shown in Nebraska and several times in New York State before it was put on a television programme in Syracuse. All this happened in 1965.

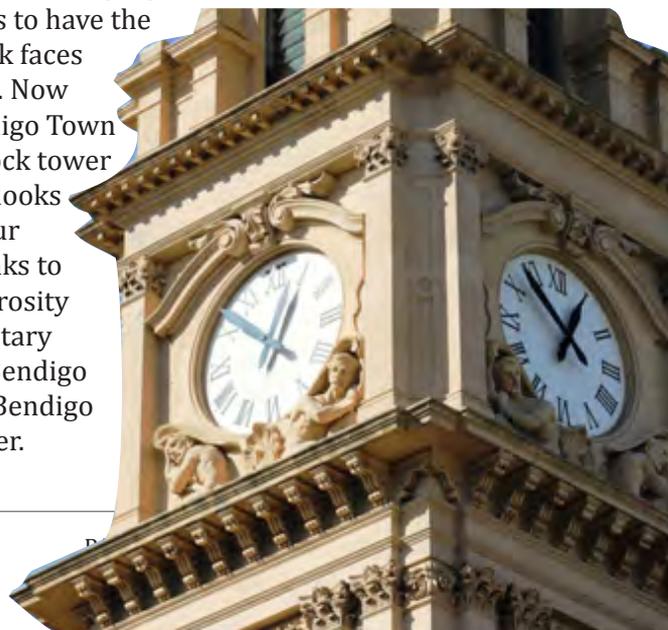
The special efforts of Bendigo Rotary in 1967-68 were deemed as one of its most successful years at the time. A total of \$7,181 was raised from a Picture Night, White Elephant Sale, Walkabout 26, Art Exhibition, Wine Tasting Dinner, Progressive Dinners and a Dinner Dance. As a result the Club was able to fully equip a new classroom at McDonald School for the Deaf, make \$1,000 donation each to the Mirridong Guiding Light Appeal and the Bendigo Sheltered Workshop. In addition, a fracture table was provided for Mt. Alvernia Hospital (now St. John of God Hospital).

The Club erected a Wishing Well, and provided playground equipment and general beautification in the garden at the Lookout Tower in Rosalind Park.

To mark the Golden Jubilee of Rotary in Bendigo, a Floral Talking Clock was set down in the Civic Gardens opposite Bendigo City Hall. It was hoped that the clock would become a tourist showpiece for Bendigo.

The Bendigo Town Hall was remodelled in 1885 by W.C. Vahland. The funds allocated for this project did not permit a clock being installed. So for 120 years the faceless clock tower stood proudly over our city.

In 2005 the Rotary Club of Bendigo, to mark the celebration of the centenary of Rotary International, together with the Bendigo Advertiser celebrating its 150th anniversary a year earlier, combined to donate the funds to have the four clock faces installed. Now the Bendigo Town Hall's clock tower proudly looks across our city, thanks to the generosity of the Rotary Club of Bendigo and the Bendigo Advertiser.



From 1994 -96 the Club implemented the Rotary Farm Aid Project and the Rotary Town Project to help more than 175 district farming families with weekly food parcels to sustain them through a prolonged drought. The retail value of the projects was in excess of \$553,000.

The Bendigo community has been a beneficiary of strong support from the Club, and in 1998 in conjunction with District Clubs built two homes for young single mothers.

The Rotary Club of Bendigo encourages and promotes Men's Health Week, and has actively supported Bendigo Community Health Services' "Men's Health Week" for many years.

A big event for the Club is the Bendigo Swap Meet Weekend. All Rotarians from the local Clubs work on a roster throughout the weekend catering for thousands of attendees. The funds raised at this event are distributed amongst all the Bendigo Rotary Clubs.



Above: The club has joined with the combined Rotary Clubs of Bendigo to cater for the annual Bendigo Swap Meet for many years.

FELLOWSHIP

The Rotary Club of Bendigo has always been strong on fellowship, because good fellowship creates a good team, good companionship and life-long friends.

There are many examples of fellowship events that have taken place over the years such as Balls, dinners, outings, barbeques, conferences, combined Rotary Club Dinners, The Great Debate, and of course the "Great Penna Breakfast".

"The Great Penna Breakfast" as it became known, was first held on the 28th March, 1993. Rotarian Barry Penna from the fellowship committee of that year and his wife Carol had an idea of holding a breakfast for all members and their families at their home, to enjoy fellowship in a relaxed environment. The breakfast continues to this day.

Below: Barry and Carol Penna welcoming guests to another 'Great Penna Brekfast'.



SISTER CLUBS

The club has extended both its local and international relationships through Sister Club agreements with:

Rotary Club of Melbourne South (District 9800) - 1981

Rotary Club of Keilor East (District 9800) - 1983

Rotary Club of Paknampho, Nakon Sawan, Thailand (District 3350) - 1992

Rotary Club of Gisborne (District 9800) - 1995

Rotary Club of Apia, Samoa (District 9920) - 1995

Rotary Club of Los Altos, USA (District 5170) - 2003

Bendigo is also paired with:

Rotary Club of Bristol, Rhode Island, USA (District 7950)

Rotary Club of Cheshire, Connecticut, USA (District 7980)



AXEDALE YOUTH CAMP

Part of the Club's community service work has been the establishment of a Youth Camp on the Campaspe River at Axedale. This camp was developed, owned and managed by the Rotary Club of Bendigo alone. Its origin came in 1946 as an idea, which grew to a 30 acre Youth Camp with facilities regarded most highly by Youth,

Fitness and Government authorities. Around 1600 boys and girls and youth leaders used the facilities of the camp during that era. The Youth Camp was officially opened on April 3, 1948, by District Governor John M. Edgar. The first campers were 50 Young Farmers' Club members.



President Bert Mundy speaking at the Opening Ceremony in 1948

In 1950, Bendigo Rotary's main project for the year was to continue developing the Youth Camp, which gradually grew to an outstanding unit. Additions in that year were a big fireplace in the mess hut and the erection of two freshwater tanks of 1,200 and 800 gallons respectively. In 1951 vast improvements were made with the erection of an office, first aid post and supervisor's sleeping quarters, plus other works including hot and cold water for additional shower

facilities. Due to the success of giving recreation and entertainment for young people, in 1961 a new recreation and assembly hall was erected.

Marking the 40th anniversary of receipt of the Club's Charter, the Club agreed to plant an avenue of 40 trees at the Camp to honour Past Presidents with an additional tree to be planted each year thereafter.



Axedale Youth Camp 1948

For many years the Rotary Club of Bendigo tirelessly maintained and improved the Youth Camp for the enjoyment of underprivileged children and youth groups from various walks of life. As times change so do the needs of society, and the camp found itself in decline and had become quite a chore for a single Club to operate.

In 1998/99 a committee considered the future of the camp and its viability was reviewed. This resulted in District 9800 accepting responsibility for the Camp, with the view of rebuilding to a standard which would enable the camp to accommodate special needs groups. The Axedale Youth Camp was renamed “Camp Getaway”.

To commence re-development, the Rotary Club of Bendigo contributed \$40,000 towards the first stage which was estimated to cost \$260,000. A US\$10,000 Rotary Foundation ‘Community Assistance Program’ Grant assisted a disabled specific fit-out of a 4 bed unit. The Victorian Government granted funding assistance of \$500,000, as matched funding.

‘Charity’ status has been bestowed upon the Camp by the Australian Taxation Office. Rotary Camp Getaway is a ‘Gift Deductible Charity’ and all donations are tax deductible to individuals, trusts and companies.

In 2005 on the 100th anniversary of Rotary, stage one of the redevelopment opened by way of four, 4



Mini Golf

bed units with full disabled facilities, and a 28 bed dormitory. A large access ramp to the main recreation hall was also a feature.

The second stage involved construction of a slightly redesigned second dormitory with additional interior shower and toilet facilities, and was completed in 2010.

Construction of a modern kitchen has commenced. Many District 9800 Rotary Clubs continue to hold weekend working bee camps to carry out ongoing maintenance and minor projects with several of Bendigo Club members still very much involved.

This camp from an idea in 1946 is still operating in 2015. It has educated and entertained many young people in the 67 years since the opening ceremony in 1948.



Outdoor Chapel



Rotary Camp Getaway, Axedale 2015

ROTARY ART SHOW

The Rotary Outdoor Art Show opened on Friday, April 12, 1968, at the Queen Victoria Gardens. During the four years in the gardens, it experienced increasing growth in sales however it became obvious that moving indoors would ease weather concerns.



Outdoor Art Show 1968 - 1971

In 1972, the Outdoor Art Show became the Rotary Art and Pottery Display Show and was held indoors at the YMCA stadium. That year, 485 paintings were on display and 350 pottery items. The Art Show was now receiving excellent publicity from all media. In 1973, the total profit was \$1,866. In 1974, the profit rose to \$2,500 and 1975: \$3,200. Part of the art show was a pottery exhibition held in the Memorial Hall.

A shed was built at the Bendigo Tram Depot in 1993 to store the Art Show equipment.



YMCA 1972 -1997

In 1994 the first preview evening prior to opening day was successfully introduced with over 80 people in attendance.

The move from the YMCA to the Bendigo Senior Secondary College campus in 1998 was a result of an overall plan to provide a facelift for the Art Show. The Pottery Display Show was to come together with the Art Show a year later in 1999; consequently, there would no longer be two venues which would be much easier to administer.



Bendigo Senior Secondary School 1998 - 2003

Over 1100 paintings were displayed, with many of them at floor level making viewing difficult, and a small area was found for pottery. Setting up became a problem when school holidays did not coincide with Easter, so another venue was sought. The Bendigo Town Hall had been refurbished, and an ideal option, so the Club approached the City of Greater Bendigo Council, which resulted in the Bendigo Town Hall becoming the new venue in 2004.

Many improvements have been made since its beginnings, such as a curator was hired to ensure the artwork was professionally displayed, improvements to the administration of the Art Show including a credit card facility, an Artist in Resident throughout opening hours, preview nights with wine and food fully catered for.

In its first four years, 70% of the artwork displayed was from Bendigo and district artists. Profit in its first year in 1968 was \$571. By 2015, artists came from statewide and the profit was \$22,000.

The Bendigo Town Hall has been home to the Rotary Easter Art Show since 2004. The Art Show has grown in visitor numbers, painting sales and is a quality exhibition. It has become an icon of the Bendigo Easter Festival.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

The Church Groups which ran Carols by Candlelight up to 1969 decided they were not going to continue, so the Rotary Club of Bendigo stepped in.

The very first Rotary Christmas Carols occurred at Rosalind Park on Christmas Eve, 1970. According to reports, despite it being a very cold night, around 2,000 people attended. The compere for the first Carols was David Smith. The Benola Singers lead the community singing. During the night, they were joined by the Lamplighters and guest artists: Meryll Cohn and Lee Robertson. The pianist for the night was Zena Cohn.

The Bendigo Youth Choir conducted by Val Broad OAM has been leading the community singing for many years. Val was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow by the Club for her tireless work within the community and her dedication to the Carols. She was among the first women to join the Club.

A mobile stage, module units, scaffolding stages, fixed stages and a sound-shell in Rosalind Park have all been used for the Carols over the years. The sound-shell has been demolished since. The Rotarians work hard every year to assemble the stage during the day, and at the end of the evening they take it all down.

The Carols have been presented from six venues including Rosalind Park. The other venues have been Tom Flood Sports Centre, Lake Weeroona, Bendigo



Stadium, Bendigo Town Hall and the Exhibition Centre - the three latter indoor venues were due to inclement weather.

In 1988 an enormous crowd attended the Carols in Rosalind Park, but a sudden storm created power outages around the city, and severe flooding with streets awash. Attendees splashed and scurried to the Town Hall, carrying their glowing candles, and amazingly they all arrived safely. Everyone was sodden and in good spirits.

There have been some challenging evenings mainly due to rain, however Rotarians and audiences persevered.



Top Val Broad and the Bendigo Youth Choir and above the choir on stage at the Carols.



Another year it rained to the point of flooding, and it was decided to transfer the Carols to the Bendigo Stadium. The storm hit, and still cars were parking and people running in, there were 3000 people in attendance that night.

For several years a fire truck was used to bring Santa. It became dangerous as the children were getting too close to the truck. An idea was suggested that Santa could arrive on a sleigh, so a couple of Rotarians built a sleigh which was pulled by Samoyed dogs. When it arrived with its lights glowing, it gave the illusion that Santa really was flying into Rosalind Park. The sleigh and the dogs were a part of the Carols for many years.

The Club has always promoted the Carols well, which has contributed to its success. In earlier years they hired a Town Crier from Castlemaine, a utility drove around Bendigo with speakers promoting them, and road signs we erected at all entrances to Bendigo - 30 days before they were to be held. Nowadays, a website advertising the Carols is hugely successful – it has had around 50,000 hits on the site.

A Grant from the Council is vital with covering the costs of the community free event. Supplements which

include the program, Christmas Carols and business advertisements are kindly provided by the Bendigo Advertiser and distributed in their newspaper.

One thing that has become very clear to all Rotarians is that people today get very upset if the Carols do not go ahead. As a result, the committee meet a couple of days before the event to discuss the weather forecast, and whether the Carols will be held inside or out.

The Club is now in its 45th year of presenting the Carols to Bendigo. Many people, both local and in surrounding districts have commented on the quality and professionalism of the Rotary Club of Bendigo's Carols by Candlelight Presentation and look forward to the event each year.

Pictured above is Santa and the Samoyeds preparing for his appearance and the crowd attending a 'rainy day event' in the Bendigo Exhibition Centre.

Below is the view from the stage of the large crowd attending Carols by Candlelight in Rosalind Park.



R.O.M.A.C.

(ROTARY OCEANIC MEDICAL AID FOR CHILDREN)

The Rotary Corporate Golf Challenge was held on October 8, 2000 at the Bendigo Golf Course and proudly sponsored by The Salvation Army Employment Plus. The day was a joint venture between the Rotary Clubs of Bendigo and Kangaroo Flat and raised \$7,249 for ROMAC. At the trophy presentations, players were treated to a very interesting address by the celebrity

golfer, Angry Anderson, who had seen first-hand in Papua New Guinea the children ROMAC helped. This Golf Day became an annual event, raising much needed funds to assist with the wonderful work of ROMAC in lending a hand, and giving the gift of life to children throughout Oceania.

OPERATION CLEFT

The Operation Cleft project provides funding and surgical camps in Bangladesh, treating children born with cleft palate and severe cleft lip conditions. In 2008 a committee was formed to assist with organising a Golf Day. The first golf event was held at the Heathcote Golf Club and raised \$8000 which funded 40 operations in Bangladesh. The event moved to the Bendigo Golf Club in 2011, and 2013 saw the introduction of night golf which has proven to be very successful. A record

amount of \$10,000 was raised in 2014. This project has grown to be an important event in the Club's calendar and continues to help change lives every year.



EXERCISE BOOKS

The Club collects Exercise Books to be distributed to poor remote village schools in Somoa and Timor Leste. This year (2015), the Club received donations of 5000 books and 5000 pens from a local company. This quantity of books and pens exceeded previous years.

OTHER

The Rotary Club of Bendigo has donated funds and items to many overseas causes over the years, such as Polio Plus (the eradication of Polio), rebuilding East Timor (Timor Leste) after independence, Sri Lanka after the Tsunami and mosquito nets to help prevent malaria in countries where the disease is widespread.

Over 9000 insecticidal nets were handed out in Manatuto, Timor Leste, by Rotarians Against Malaria volunteers.



NEPAL

A Bendigo Tour group met with partners in Nepal to map future projects including developing a health clinic and outreach health camps to outlying communities. To gain an understanding of humanitarian issues the Bendigo Tour members met with the Rotary Club of Kathmandu to build global goodwill and peace.

Specific projects identified in a Preliminary Report to the Rotary Club of Bendigo in 2012, enabled the Club through its knowledge of Rotary International to secure grants to the sum of \$17,000 from the Planet Wheeler Foundation for the Nepal Health Promotion.



These funds are progressively being allocated, and to date has seen two remote villages benefit from the installation of Water Tanks and Taps providing accessible clean water and valuable assistance to the Leprosy Self Care Group in Kathmandu. An inaugural visit to Nepal by members from the Rotary Club of Bendigo in 2014 inspected the water tank project sites. This project has captured the Nepal Health Promotion Committee and in 2016 a Rotary Study/Work Party visit is scheduled to help scope future projects.

The April 2015 Nepal earthquake (also known as the Gorkha earthquake) killed more than 9,000 people and injured more than 23,000. The Club is currently raising funds to re-build a school in Nepal in conjunction with Nepalese Bendigo Community, and the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town .

Pictured at left is an inspection of the Water Tank Project and below is one of the thousands of classrooms damaged in the earthquake. This photo is at Shree Birendra Secondary School, Nuwakot, Nepal.





SAMOA

At a District Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) meeting a club member heard about the severe damage that had occurred in Samoa (formerly called Western Samoa until July, 1997) as a result of two cyclones close together in 1991. With a lot of interest within the Club an idea of doing something for Samoa was born.

In 1993 eight members from the Club, two members from Rotary Club of Bendigo Sandhurst and one member from the Rotary Club of Castlemaine went to Samoa. Two working parties were formed to erect shelters in villages of Vaisala and Tufutafoe. This was a very important trip for the Club's international project work as its success would ensure their ability to set up a long term relationship for any future participation.

In February 1995, following inquiries to the Australian High Commissioner, a formal agreement was reached to facilitate future projects in Samoan Schools; consequently, the Rotary Club of Apia would become Rotary Club of Bendigo's Samoan Sister Club.

The Club has erected water tanks, provided typewriters, word processors, wheelchairs; and over the years



containers of goods have been sent and distributed throughout Samoa.

There have been many members of the Club, plus other City of Greater Bendigo Clubs joining together to form teams over the

years. Also it is now a common part of a volunteer team to include an apprentice or two as a Rotary Vocational Award.

Every year a team goes to Samoa to provide improvements to buildings, schools and water access.



They take with them crates of needed items and any other assistance the Samoans may require to improve their living conditions.

“Through Samoa you come to appreciate the importance of the Rotary Foundation and RAWCS.”



ROTARY EXCHANGE

Rotary Club of Bendigo has been an outstanding supporter of Rotary Foundation – the Paul Harris Memorial Fund – which sends young men and women on post-graduate studies and essayists in international understanding between the countries of the world.

In **Rotary Youth Exchange**, Bendigo has been at the

forefront since the introduction of this excellent scheme in 1962, and is still functioning perfectly in 2015. Many Bendigo and district students have left our shores for 12 months to experience life, culture and schools in other parts of the world; and the Club has hosted a multitude of young students from many countries in return.

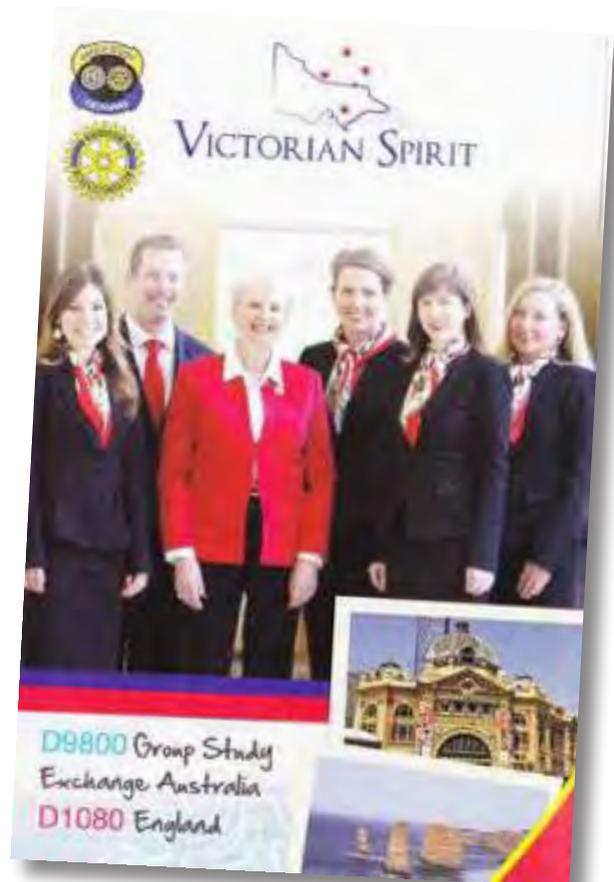


1982 Exchange Student from Brazil Andrea Salles (centre) with President Rotarian Daryl Watts and wife Jeni



Group Study Exchange (GSE) of the Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 and in the early years of their professional lives.

The Club has hosted teams over the years and has also been involved with outbound Australian teams.



OUTBOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS

YEAR	NAME	COUNTRY	YEAR	NAME	COUNTRY
1962	J. Wallace	USA	1994	N. Zantuck	Argentina
1963	P. Binks	Philippines	1995	Trudy Ellery	Denmark
1963	G. Waters	Philippines	1996	Sarah Noisette	Brazil
1964	J. Gillard	USA	1997	Julie Grealy	Norway
1965	D. Martin	USA	1998	Jacob Wilson	Japan
1965	T. Peake	USA	1999	Hannah Brown	Denmark
1967	S. Vains	USA	2000	Narelle Buchan	Sweden
1967	M. Goodrich	USA	2001	Cassie Lovejoy	Denmark
1969	L. Vanston	South Africa	2002	Miranda Commins	Hungary
1971	J. Williamson	South Africa	2002	Samuel Taylor	South Africa
1972	A. Tebb	USA	2003	Abby McClure,	Brazil
1972	B. Ledger	South Africa	2003	Amy Reade	Hungary
1973	A. Pike	South Africa	2003	Elyse Petrolito	Poland
1974	J. Henderson	Canada	2004	Lucy Spalding	Finland
1975	T. Fuzzard	South Africa	2005	Sibon Fuzzard	Brazil
1975	J. Slatter	USA	2005	Martin Turley	Poland
1976	L. Perry	South Africa	2006	James Opie	Sweden
1978	M. Edebone	USA	2006	Alexis Bertolotti	Switzerland
1979	J. Langley	Canada	2007	Nikia Sobczyk	Brazil
1980	A. Poke	South Africa	2007	Alexandra Butler	Brazil
1981	S. Evans	Japan	2008	Karena Lane	France
1982	R. Rabie	India	2009	Cameron Fortune	Brazil
1983	B. Symons	South Africa	2010	David Blades	Sweden
1984	J. Grogan	Finland	2010	Dempsey Sanderson	Brazil
1985	P. Marks	Finland	2011	Abigail Trewartha	Brazil
1986	M. McKinlay	Japan	2011	Nina Robertson	Norway
1987	K. Anset	USA	2012	Bonnie Wagner	Brazil
1988	P. Williams	Canada	2012	Liam Oberin	Sweden
1989	R. Bowman	South Africa	2013	Gabriela Giggins	Denmark
1990	K. Rivendell	Thailand	2013	Ella Toll	France
1991	J. McGauley	USA	2014	Grace Galloway	Denmark
1992	S. Kennedy	South Africa	2014	Jake Rusbridge	USA
1993	L. Harrington	Brazil	2015	Jacob Pearson	Brazil



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INBOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS

YEAR	NAME	COUNTRY	YEAR	NAME	COUNTRY
1962	F. Gonzaga	Philippines	2002	Fabian Stoltz	Switzerland
1965	R. Capay	Philippines	2002	Ophelie Pouilleul	France
1965	G. Larison	USA	2003	Julia Gunther	Germany
1966	D. Pearson	USA	2003	Muriel Roland	Belgium
1969	C. Jones	South Africa	2004	Maria Kramer-Moller	Denmark
1971	G. Warren	Canada	2004	Joanna Linde	Sweden
1972	J. Walls	South Africa	2005	Christoph Meunders	Germany
1973	P. Tence	Philippines	2006	Anne Sofie Thorup	Denmark
1975	W. Wiggins	USA	2007	Marjaana Salminen	Finland
1976	Y. Tanizawa	Japan	2008	Agathe Dairien	France
1977	S. Yamasmit	Thailand	2009	Kristin Brandtsegg Lome	Norway
1978	A. Jack	Canada	2010	Alina Kemper	Germany
1979	G. Hansel	West Germany	2011	Anna Isotalo	Finland
1980	I. Burgess-Simpson	Swaziland	2012	Zsófi Szabó	Hungary
1981	T. Komatsu	Japan	2013	Signe Söderlund	Denmark
1982	A. Salles	Brazil	2014	Eva Burgstaller	Austria
1983	S. Hanley	South Africa	2015	Erika Steinholt	Norway
1984	K. Geiger	Finland			
1985	M. Welander	Sweden			
1986	M. Yamamoto	Japan			
1987	M. Koch	USA			
1988	T. Kristiansen	Norway			
1989	W. Sansa-Ngasakun	Thailand			
1990	K. Wahl	Germany			
1992	R. Van Rooyen	South Africa			
1993	Shohei Ooka	Japan			
1995	A. Christensen	Denmark			
1996	Marc Huybrecht	Belgium			
1997	Clemens Hellenschmidt	Germany			
1998	Heini Kukkohovi	Finland			
1999	Arnaud Tabery	Belgium			
2000	Sophie Hermant	France			
2001	Melinda Bozsik	Hungary			



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Dear President Larrie and members of the Rotary Club of Bendigo,

It is with great pride and pleasure that I congratulate you on reaching the significant milestone of 90 years of Rotary service in both your local and the global community. Bendigo was the first provincial city in Victoria to establish Rotary

From the inaugural luncheon of the Bendigo Rotary Club in 1925, that was attended by a large number of leading citizens, and with messages received from all around the world, to now, the objectives and ideals of Rotary is truly embedded in the Bendigo community.

Your involvement in the Rotary Group Study Exchange Program, a prestigious District program began in 1973 with a Club member, Bruce Reid, selected as Team Leader, and from then your club has also hosted 24 incoming Group Study Exchange teams. An amazing achievement!

Significant and long term involvement in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program and Rotary World Community Service demonstrates a commendable commitment to international and youth service.

Long term Club projects have resulted in positive improvement for the quality of life for many families in Samoa and Timor Leste.

The visibility in your local community through, car parking, sausage sizzles and craft group work shows that Rotary can be satisfying and enjoyable whilst making a difference for those in need in Bendigo.

This is just the tip of the iceberg and a sample of the programs and projects initiated and implemented by local people in the name of Rotary.

Ten Rotary Clubs are operational thanks to the foresight associated with the Charter of the Rotary Club of Bendigo and their communities are enriched in unimaginable ways.

Amazing Rotary leaders and members are to be lauded for the legacy that exists today.

I am very proud to be the District Governor of the day and to be able to extend my congratulations to everyone associated with the Rotary Club of Bendigo.

Julie Mason

District Governor 2015/16

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25 June 2015

Larrie Winzar
President-Elect
Rotary Club of Bendigo
PO Box 131
BENDIGO VIC 3552

Dear Larrie

ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO 90TH ANNIVERSARY

I write to extend my congratulations to the Rotary Club of Bendigo on the special occasion of your 90th Anniversary.

The City of Greater Bendigo greatly values the contribution to our community by the Rotary Club of Bendigo and greatly appreciates the work you have done in and for our community for the past 90 years.

The Rotary Club of Bendigo is renowned for its community work and Rotary's history of service through community initiatives and continued efforts in club, community, vocational and international service. This has all been achieved with voluntary hard work and effort and I take this opportunity to congratulate all members for their achievements over the past 90 years.

My best wishes for your continued success over the coming years as a highly valued and important organisation within Greater Bendigo.

Yours sincerely



**Cr Peter Cox
MAYOR**

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10th July 2015

Ms Larrie Winzar
President,
Rotary Club of Bendigo.

Dear Larrie,

On behalf of the members of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, we congratulate the Rotary Club of Bendigo on 90 years of dedication to the community.

This celebration is particularly significant to the Rotary Club of Melbourne because we sponsored the Rotary Club of Bendigo in 1925, the second club to be established in Victoria. We are proud of our "eldest daughter" who has gone on to sponsor a further six clubs in central Victoria and has been such a successful club, contributing significantly to all areas of Rotary service.

The Rotary Club of Melbourne presented a mace to the Rotary Club of Bendigo at its charter function and we are delighted that the mace is still considered an important element in the regalia of the club.

We send our warm congratulations to President Larrie and members of the Rotary Club of Bendigo and wish them ongoing success as they continue to uphold the ideals of Rotary.

Yours in Rotary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Rogers'.

Dr Peter Rogers
President Rotary Club of Melbourne 2015/16
Tel: 0412 537534



RESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1925-26	E. Morton-Vains	Arthur H. Leggo	1970-71	Dal. Martin	Don Lennox
1926-27	M. G. Giudice	Arthur H. Leggo	1971-72	Charles Bell	Fred Marchingo
1927-28	Dr. W. J. Long	Not recorded	1972-73	Ken Mill	John Little
1928-29	O. Flight (Sen.)	Not recorded	1973-74	Frank McManus	Don Lennox
1929-30	J. Jeffrey	W.J.G. Bloomfield	1974-75	Leigh Williamson	Don Lennox
1930-31	W. Tredinnick	Not recorded	1975-76	Warren Cambridge	Bill Derham
1931-32	W. Tredinnick	Not recorded	1976-77	Murray Adams	W.J.B. Derham
1932-33	Frank Levy	G. Eathorne	1977-78	Bill Derham	Bob McLintock
1933-34	A. L. Bolton	G. Eathorne	1978-79	John Cartwright	J. Roberts
1934-35	Colonel G. V. Lansell	G. Eathorne	1979-80	Ron Slattery	H. (Joe) O'Sullivan
1935-36	G. Eathorne	R. Giudice	1980-81	Daryl Watts	H. (Joe) O'Sullivan
1936-37	George Long	Arthur E. Davies	1981-82	Keith Scarrott	H. (Joe) O'Sullivan
1937-38	O.V. Morris	Arthur E. Davies	1982-83	Ray Paulsen	W. Derham
1938-39	F. T. McNaught	Arthur E. Davies	1983-84	Des Samson	D. Watts
1939-40	H. P. Y. Wright	R.L. Parker	1984-85	Denis Potter	D. Watts
1940-41	W. A. Draper	R.L. Parker	1985-86	Joe O'Sullivan	R. Ruff
1941-42	L. L. Dungey	R.L. Parker	1986-87	Val Moyle	R Ruff
1942-43	G. P. Hibberd	R.H. Trethewey	1987-88	Peter Joseph	J. Cooper
1943-44	Arthur E. Davies	R.H. Trethewey	1988-89	Ted Rankins	J. Cooper
1944-45	E. B. Pederick	R.T. Trethewey	1989-90	Bill Gray	G. Gunnell
1945-46	G. A. Pethard	R.L. Parker	1990-91	Norm Phillips	G.Gunnell
1946-47	F. E. R. Biggs	R.L. Parker	1991-92	David Brown	W. Loy
1947-48	Bert Mundy	Arthur E. Davies	1992-93	Bryan McMahon	W. Loy
1948-49	Hedley Jones	Arthur E. Davies	1993-94	Brian Kinross	E. Jenkins
1949-50	John Barton	Arthur E. Davies	1994-95	Hugh Wheeler	E. Jenkins
		R.H. Trethewey	1995-96	Kevin Reilly	J. Ball
1950-51	Ernest F. Granger	R.H. Trethewey	1996-97	Ron Poyser	J. Ball
1951-52	Norman J. Oliver	R.H. Trethewey	1997-98	Geoff McLeod	D. Watts
1952-53	Ernest A. Cambridge	John Edgar	1998-99	Colin Nankervis	D. Watts/A. Hampton
1953-54	R. H. Trethewey	Lance Illingworth	1999-00	Garry Gunnell	G. Robertson
1954-55	Charles W. Baker	Lance Illingworth	2000-01	Larrie Winzar	G. Robertson
1955-56	Ken Hesse	Hamilton H. Huntley	2001-02	Ian Monotti	G. Robertson
1956-57	Reg V. Brock	Hamilton H. Huntley	2002-03	Brian Doherty	John Flood
1957-58	Tom Keith	Hal. Moors	2003-04	Colin Burns	John Flood
1958-59	Rae Campagnolo	Hal. Moors	2004-05	Jane McLean	John Flood
1959-60	Hal Moors	Don Raggatt	2005-06	Malcolm Andrew	Daniel Buttolph
1960-61	Bill Sones	Don Raggatt	2006-07	John Krakowiak	Daniel Buttolph
1961-62	Sam Tongway	Allan Sandow	2007-08	Hugh Wheeler	Garry Gunnell
1962-63	George Mayne	Allan Sandow	2008-09	Noel Hobley	Garry Gunnell
1963-64	Allan Sandow	Merv. Monotti	2009-10	Andrew Hampton	Larrie Winzar
1964-65	Merv Monotti	Don Raggatt	2010-11	John Gallagher	Kaye Graves
1965-66	Jack Sutherland	Jim Tomlin/Dal Martin	2011-12	Wayne Smith	Kaye Graves
1966-67	Clark Jeffrey	Dal Martin	2012-13	Brian Figg	Kaye Graves
1967-68	Harold Ross	Dal Martin	2013-14	Tom Seddon	Kaye Graves
1968-69	Warwick Johanson	Don Lennox	2014-15	Rod McDonald	Wayne Smith
1969-70	John Henderson	Don Lennox	2015-16	Larrie Winzar	Wayne Smith



MEMBERS AND CLASSIFICATIONS 2014-15

ABBOTT Tabitha	Travel Services	MUNDY Keith	Newsagency
ACKERMAN Barry *	Rubber Processing	NANKERVIS Colin *	Civil Engineering
BARKER Valerie	Anglican Minister	NEWTON Graham	Fertiliser Products
BROAD OAM Valerie *	Music Education	PAULSEN Margaret *	Business Administration
BRUCE Joy	Primary Education	PAULSEN Ray *	Business Machines
BURDON Neil	Optometry & Optical Services	PEARCE Ilona	Administration and Purchasing
BUTTOLPH Daniel *	Pharmacy	PEARSON Lisa	Nursing
CARTWRIGHT John *	Optometry	PEARSON Michael	General Practitioner Medicine
CLARKE Graeme	Lighting Retail	PEMBERTON John	Business Banking
COATES Ian	Regional Business Manager	PENNA Barry *	Locksmithing
COIA Domenic *	Hairdressing	PERRIN OAM Bruce *	Homes for the Aged
DOBELI Tom	Health and Safety	PHILLIPS Norm *	Hospitals
DOHERTY Brian *	Insurance Brokerage	RANKINS OAM Ted *	Postal Service
EDGAR Robert *	Landcare	READING Peter	Signwriting
FIGG Bev	Social work	REID Bruce *	Property Improvement
FIGG Brian *	Body Corporate Services	REILLY Glenn *	Electrical Retailing
FLOOD John *	Electricity Supply	RICHMOND Ken	Superannuation Consultancy
GALLAGHER John	Plumbing Service	ROBINSON Alida	Sales and Marketing
GALLOWAY Greg	Health Care	ROGERS Ron *	Insurance
GILCHRIST Ken	Legal Services	ROGERS Rosalie	Community Services
GLAZEBROOK Arthur	Banking	SAMSON Des *	Confectionery Distribution
GRAVES Kaye	Community Health Admin.	SHRESTHA Umesh	Electricity Supply Design
GRAY Bill *	Bearing Services	SLOAN Julie	Primary Health Service
GUNNELL Garry *	Project Management	SMITH Wayne *	Water Engineering
HAMPTON Andrew *	Funeral Directing	TREVORAH Evan	Accounting
HOBLEY Noel *	Media Services	VANSTAN Rosalie *	Pharmacy Administration
HUGHES Libby	Friendly Society Pharmacy	WALDER Kurt	Building Design
HUGHES Mike	Information Technology	WATTS Daryl *	Legal Office Administration
HYETT Peter *	Farm Management	WHEELER Hugh *	University Education Admin.
IONESCU Daniela	Engineering Education	WINZAR Larrie *	Personnel Services
JOHNSON Ian	Emergency Management		
KILBY Noel	Education		
KLOFT Angie	Education		
KRAKOWIAK John *	Education		
LEAN Frank *	Investing		
McDONALD Rod	Human Resources		
McLEOD Geoffrey *	Motels		
McMAHON Bryan *	Marketing - Advertising		
MAHONEY Jim *	Agricultural Supplies		
MARTIN Charlie *	Purchasing Officer		
MONOTTI Ian *	General Law Practice		
MUHLNICKEL Glen	Banking Financial Services		

** Denotes Paul Harris Fellows*

*Pictured over page:
Members who attended the
Changeover Luncheon at the
Ulumbarra Theatre, Bendigo
on 28th June, 2015.*



From Left: Back row – Ken Gilchrist, Colin Nankervis, Daryl Watts, Ian Coates, Glen Muhmickel, John Pemberton.
Fifth row - Ken Richmond, Brian Doherty, Rosalie Vanstan, Ron Rogers, Bruce Perrin, Greg Galloway, Bryan, McMahon.
Fourth row - Andrew Hampton, Kaye Graves, Bill Gray, Noel Hoble, Margaret Paulsen, Libby Hughes, Ian Monotti, Arthur Glazebrook.
Third row – Ted Rankins, Eva Burgstaller (exchange student), Ray Paulsen, Peter Hyett, , Tom Dobeil.
Second row – Val Broad, Frank Lean, John Flood, Barry Penna, Hugh Wheeler, Robert Edgar.
Front row - Domenic Coia, Barry Ackerman, Rod McDonald, Larrie Winzar (President), Glenn Reilly, Rosalie Rogers.

By: Rotarian Valerie Broad OAM, Gail Godber, Valmai Harris (Our Gift to the World)

If you're looking for an answer, but all you see is doubt,
If you're searching for solutions, wond'ring what it's all about
Just take the time to look around and that is when you'll see
That this world is so much more than only you and me.

Nothing is impossible if united we all stand
And use our capabilities to lend a helping hand
We invite you to imagine just what you can achieve
When you join the world of Rotary, and together we believe..

CHORUS

We are Rotary in action, we are answering the call,
We are people with a purpose – whatever may befall
Our sisters and our brothers, when they need us we'll be there
We extend the hand of friendship to show the world we care.

Paul Harris founded Rotary in the year nineteen 'o' five,
The ethos he established is still very much alive,
In fellowship, in friendship, together as a team,
By combining our resources we fulfil the Rotary dream.

There's many a disaster to tear our world apart
There are children crying out for help: people losing heart
With the tragedy and trauma of just trying to survive.
The tireless work of Rotary helps to keep their hopes alive.

CHORUS..... We are Rotary in action.....

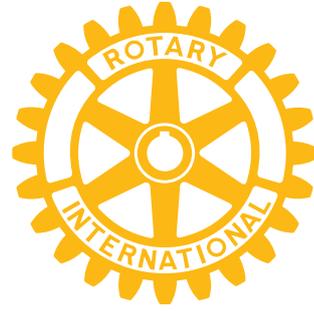
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This is our birthday – 90 years – a time to celebrate,
The projects that our Club supports, the way we emulate
The principles of Rotary since 1925,
The passions of our members who help our Club to thrive.

Through Art Show and Carols, Swap Meet, and VOPA too,
The Rotary Club of Bendigo has much to offer you,
So wish us 'Happy Birthday' - don't let this moment pass
Come toast the Club that we all love and together raise your glass.

ROTARY.....ROTARY.....ROTARY.....LET'S LIGHT UP ROTARY

Rotary Club of Bendigo



ROTARY: AT THE HEART OF YOUR COMMUNITY

"I would like to think that the pioneering days of Rotary have only just begun.

There are just as many new things to be done as ever there were.

Kaleidoscopic changes are taking place, many of them without our will.

Even to hang on to the fringe of this fast-changing world is about all most of us can do.

Rotary simply must continue to pioneer or be left in the rear of progress"

*Paul Harris (the founder of Rotary International) said this and
it is perhaps more true today than at any other time.*

"WE MUST CHANGE OR GET LEFT BEHIND!!"

*Ordinary people
doing extraordinary
things, together*

