

John Cartwright President 1978-79

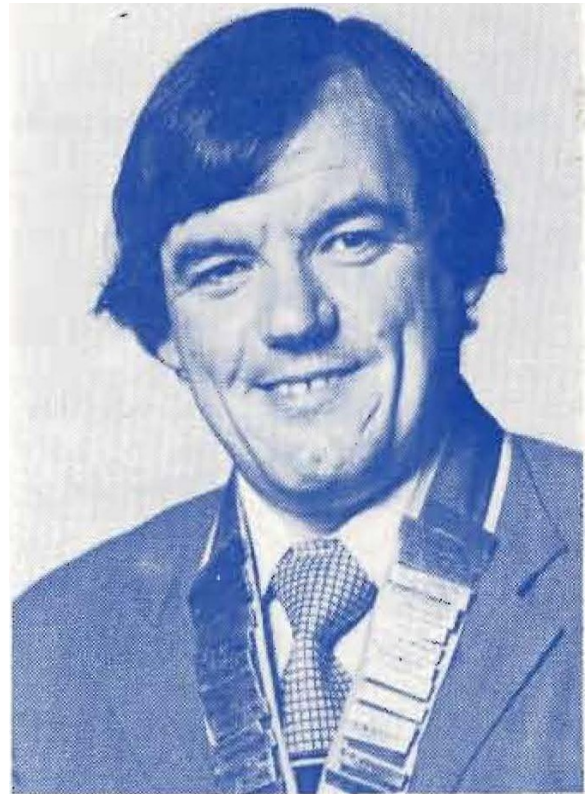
John Cartwright, our longest serving Rotarian, was President of the Club in 1978-79. The theme for the year was: 'Reach Out'. Reaching out was exactly what President John undertook to do during his year.

Early in the year, one of President John's objectives (to 'reach out' and extend the work of Rotary within the Bendigo community) was to charter a new Rotary Club under the expert guidance of Past President, Hal Moors.

To charter a new Club, boundaries must be implemented to where the new Rotary Club can draw its members from. President John (with Past President Hal Moors) played a significant role in overseeing the redrawing of the boundaries for Bendigo Rotary to allow the new Club to not only draw members from parts of Bendigo, but also the growing Stathfieldsaye region. The new Rotary Club was to be called: The Rotary Club of Strathdale. To assist the new Club to be formed, some experienced Rotary Club of Bendigo members joined the new Club. On Charter Night, held at the White Hills Technical School, over 300 Rotarians attended from District 978.

The visit of the Group Study Exchange Program from Brazil, funded by the Rotary Foundation, was a highlight for the Club during the year. President John, after meeting the group, was convinced of the importance of the work of The Rotary Foundation. Given funds to The Foundation had been neglected by the Club in recent years, President John set about ensuring Club funds were channeled to the important work of The Foundation. During the year, the Club's choice of awardee to be sent to the U.S.A and Canada, John Esnouf, was endorsed by the District Committee which was a real credit to the Club.

During the year, the Axedale Camp was growing in popularity in the District and President John, with the hard work of the Youth Camp committee, oversaw the reorganization of the Youth Camp Committee. This resulted in the Youth Camp now working efficiently, independently and on a sound financial basis.



Many local organizations benefited from funds during the year. Apart from the Axedale Youth Camp and The Rotary Foundation, Peter Harcourt, Riding for the Disabled and Scope are just some of the many that received vital funds. The Club's local choice for the Inaugural Ern Granger Apprentice Award, Trevor Petersen, went on to win a State Award!

PP John Cartwright PHF comments:



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Back Row left to right!, Ray Paulsen, Bill Derham, Daryl Watts, Jack Hunt, Jack McGauchie. John Bedumof, David Brown.

Front! Row left to right), Des Sampson, Leigh Williamson, John Cartwright. Ron Slattery, Tom Roberts