

2016-2017: Glenn Reilly 92nd President

At the annual changeover dinner to welcome Glenn Reilly as the incoming President after Larrie Winzar Club members were all confident we would have another memorable year.

Glenn Reilly, while very different in his approach to Rotary than his legendary father, Kevin (Club President 95-96), was an excellent choice to take on the role of President, given how much he had already contributed with doing good in the world.



For example, Glenn's work with fundraising for Operation Cleft has changed the lives of hundreds of children living in Bangladesh and having witnessed personally in Bangladesh the positive outcomes of Glenn's work in fundraising for the program, I really cannot quite find the right words to express how much the children, and their families I met, value the work Glenn does every year.

Highlights

Glenn's goal for the year was for the Club members to have fun, plenty of laughs and change some lives.



President Glenn and the social committee had some brilliant ideas with the introduction of new social events. For example, the 'Guess who is coming to dinner?' was a really fun event, based on Katherine Hepburn,

Spencer Tracey and Sidney Poitier classic 60's film. Furthermore, Glenn organized an International Night to celebrate all member's nationalities with flags and food unique to each country. As Glenn mentioned on the night, "technically, none of us are Australian, we all came from somewhere else originally".



Also, a Rotary Flight 9800 travel themed meeting was held to imitate an airplane with all members facing a projector screen being flown around the world.

A Trivia Night and Film night was held to support Lifeline. The President's barbecue was held where everyone was invited to Glenn's home. Also, the Xmas function was held "under the Oak Trees" at Andrew and Heather Hampton's home which was proved to be another wonderful event.

A new record was set for the number of entries in the 49th Art Show and the Carols were live simulcast on local Radio 105.1. A passion of Glenn's, the Annual Golf Night for Operation Cleft raised \$10,000 bringing the total raised by this event, so far, to \$85,000.





For the second year the club distributed food for working dogs, where their farming masters were suffering through the drought, which caught the attention of the Rotary Down Under magazine where, for the first time, a club in our District (9800) featured as the front cover story.

In passing the baton to Val Broad as the incoming President Glenn took the opportunity to acknowledge the great work of the Carols committee by awarding Sapphire PHF awards to three long serving members

in Colin Nankervis, Jim Mahoney and Ron Rogers.

With over \$83,000 raised during the year, the Bendigo Youth Choir, Operation Cleft, Junortoun Fire Brigade, Farm Relief, and the Rotary Foundation all benefited.