



President Hal Moors 1959-60

One member, I fondly remember having some very memorable conversations with during his later years was Hal Moors. Not sure if Hal was a member of Mensa or not. Perhaps, he never ever had his IQ measured, but if I was a betting person, I would put a lot of money on Hal easily qualifying as a member. Apart from his general intelligence, Hal had a memory like a sponge. For example, regardless of where you were travelling in the world by train, if it was a country Hal had visited, he could tell you which train, platform, and time it left the station and if you did happen to miss that train, Hal would provide another option you can undertake.

Hal was also a walking encyclopedia when it came to Rotary and the history of the Rotary Club. If Hal told me I was wrong about something I reported in the history of the Club, I would dig deeper and always find out Hal was right, and I very sadly was wrong!

The Rotary theme for Hal's year as President was: "Vitalize! Personalize! Build Bridges of Friendship". I think if Hal had been the World President that year, the motto would have been: 'Rotary is

something that should be shared by as many as possible.' President Hal loved Rotary and he immediately went to work when he became President with forming another Rotary Club in Bendigo. The Rotary Club of Bendigo South was launched during his year.



An interesting fact that occurred during the year was that after being welcomed to the meeting, all members were provided with a number for a particular table to sit at. The purpose of this was to prevent cliques from forming within the Club and most importantly, to encourage all members to mix with and get to know all the other members.

President Hal was also very passionate about youth. The Club, in his year, contributed significant funds to facilitate a 'young people section' in the Bendigo Library.

Later in the year, 50 young people from significantly financially disadvantaged areas in Melbourne, were all offered free transport to Bendigo for the purpose of attending a weekend camp in Axedale. President Hal ensured that all the young people would have a wonderful weekend away without it costing their families anything at all.



For Bendigo's youth, President Hal introduced a new service of vocational guidance to assist young people undertake more informed career choices.



During the year, members enjoyed many fellowship opportunities. In November, the Club held a formal Ladies Night. There was a general fellowship weekend for all members



and a Party Night at Woodbury House. Members also enjoyed a picture night at the Golden Drive-In Theatre.



At Xmas, members provided free transport for senior citizens to receive a special Xmas treat. They also helped the Mayor of Bendigo with the Wood Appeal. During Cancer Education Week, members assisted by providing the volunteers required to run the informative event.



At the Axedale Youth Camp, a concrete cricket pitch was built for the enjoyment of young people attending the camp. A fence was built around the chapel to stop the cows from entering the chapel! Also, a fire break was created around the camp.