

30 Years

Blast From the Past

30 Years of the
Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise
1989 – 2019



Left: Club logo originally designed by Past District Governor and Charter Member of Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise Guan Teik Yeo depicting an image of the rising sun, in the form of Rotary Wheel radiating the energy of Rotary, and an Aboriginal Art stylised Barramundi.

Blast from the Past



Dr Ram being 'inspired' by a Gen-Y

As the club celebrates its 30th birthday, this publication takes heed from Oprah Winfrey's take on history and steps out of the history in fear that it will hold us back and charters 'into the new story we are willing to create'. In creating this new story of the future, we need to recognise the DNA features of our Club. This is precisely what I tried to create with the help of other Sunrisers through these pages of pictorials.

Blast from the Past is not simply a potted history full of dates and facts. It is not just the recorded years gone by. It is much more than that. Because, I believe, the past visited as a record of events does not do justice to the great club we are. We were a great club, we are a great club and we will continue to be a great club because our foundations are strong.

The foundation of our club is its members – past, present and future – and its leaders. It is their story of 'Service above Self'.

I am particularly delighted to write this editorial. I am also honoured to be associated with this publication. Partly because it is an opportunity to

take stock of where the club has come from and partly to envision where it is headed. Hence the title - blast from the past. The explosion of the past will catapult the club into a bright future.

In preparing this booklet I sought inspiration from the 30-year old's, the Gen Y's. They are an embodiment of a narrative of the past with a purpose. In what they say and do the future is not connected to the past in any linear manner. Following such advice, the pages in the book are not organized in any linear time and chronological fashion but along the lines of events that members are passionate about and reveal their passions through their tireless contributions.

The Gen Y's also made me aware that a 30th year of institution these days is vastly different from the 30-year institutions of the past. The environment surrounding the club as an institution is vastly different.

There were no women in our club at the time of its formation. Technology was very basic. There was strength in numbers with 33 charter members in 28th of July 1989.

The New 30's institution has women members where the club is first to welcome Women. Many of them are at the helm of the club. Technology is embraced to the hilt. The membership has remained steady despite the vagaries of the NT. True to the demographic profile of the Territory, the club boasts of members from diverse ethnic backgrounds and different age and gender compositions. Rotary club of Sunrise is a truly diverse organization.

Much can be learned in how to manage diversity and enjoy Rotary by being a part of the club. I hope you will enjoy the booklet as much as we had a fun in putting together. Happy reading.

Yours in Rotary,

PP Sivaram Vemuri, PHF

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President Tom Williams accepts Charter Certificate from District Governor Jim Smith

District Governor Jim Smith with Charter Members and two first year women members



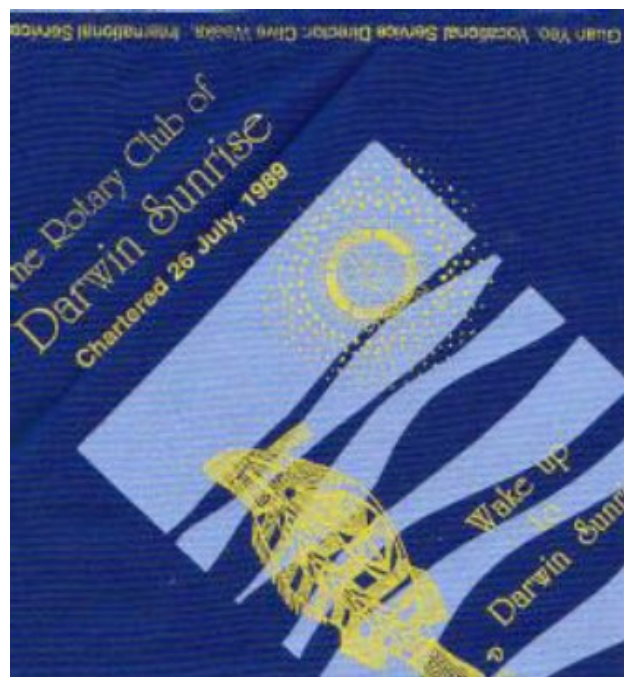
Charter Members

Chartered on 26th July 1989 with the following 33 Members

Name	Classification
Tom Williams	Business Consultancy
John Burton	Information Systems
Brian Slatter	Building Societies
Steve Glennon	Investment Advising
PP Dan Styles	Cinemas
Harry Coehn	Personnel Management
Andrew Leo	Govt Building Services , Electrical
Clive Weeks	Project Management
Chris Wardle	Desk Top Publishing
Graeme Dennehy	Engineering Maintenance
Geoff Spring	Education Administration
Sivaram Vemuri	University – Economics
PDG Guan Yeo SA	(Medicine, General Practice)
Geoff Dawson	Steel Products Distribution
Barry Haydon	Statistic Analysis
Bob Woodward	Management Consultancy
Tony Hourigan	Airlines International

Name	Classification
Colin Collard	Accounting Chartered
PP David Newton SA	(Public Utility – Electricity)
Peter Rundle	Banking Retail
Alan Powell	University – Faculty of Arts
Peter Gumley	Telecommunications national
Gerry Swan	Insurance General
Martyn Wilkinson	Road Freight Management
Max Chalmers	Hospital Management
Peter Dabovitch	Import Substitution
Gordon Onn	Marine Retail
Neil Bromley	Truck Sales & Service
Frank Lam	Restaurants
Peter Kelly	Paint Distribution
Dave Cormack	Real Estate
PP Tim Dwyer	Refrigerated Transportation
Jim Thomson	University Administration

Charter Napkin



First Women Members

In the first year 1989-1990 thirteen (13) Women Members were inducted and honoured the Club by upholding the Rotary motto 'Service Above Self'.

Name	Vocation
Valarie Asche	<i>Microbiology</i>
Noelene Bierman	<i>Nursing Administration</i>
Shirley Collins	<i>Aboriginal Art Sales</i>
Peta Fryer	<i>Student Welfare</i>
Penny Griffin	<i>Airlines international</i>
Jane McIntosh	<i>Industrial Rehabilitation</i>
Julie Nicholson	<i>Legal Support Services</i>
Sandra Oldroyd	<i>Exhibitions Promotions</i>
Joan Ridley	<i>Mental Health Services</i>
Jenny Strong	<i>Souvenirs Retailing</i>
Sally Thomas	<i>Magistracy</i>
Robyn Vincent	<i>Insurance Administration</i>
Jenny Wright	<i>Site Office Rentals</i>

These women all contributed by serving on the various club committees by working with Charter Members on community service projects and fundraising activities.

During the 1990-1991 year two women held Directorships, Robyn Vincent – International Services and Noeline Biermann – Youth Services.

The 1991-1992 elections saw Robyn Vincent as Secretary, Noeline Biermann as Director International Services, and Joan Ridley as the Director of Vocational Services.

That same year Noeline Biermann was nominated as President-Elect 1992-1993 but never undertook the Presidency, due to a career transfer interstate. Therefore, in the 1996–1997 Rotary Year, Julie Nicholson became the First Woman President of the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise.

Darwin Sunrise Family Tree

Rotary Club Darwin Sunrise



Sponsoring Club

The Rotary Club of Darwin North

Supporting Clubs

The Rotary Club of Darwin

The Rotary Club of Darwin Nightcliff

The Rotary Club of Darwin South

The Rotary Club of Katherine

The Rotary Club of Litchfield Palmerston

Visions for the future

“The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster: First: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service. Second: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society. Third: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s personal, business and community life. Fourth: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service”.

Rotary Vision

“Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves”.

Darwin Sunrise Club Vision

“The Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise was established in 1989 as a breakfast club. It is inclusive, tolerant and fun-loving, with younger and older members of both genders from a range of cultures, and vocations (past and present). The club aims to make meetings and service fun as well as rewarding and connected to our community.

Our vision is to make a valued difference in our community, locally and globally, through leadership and action”.

Rotary’s Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



Two Become One

Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise and Rotary Club of Port Darwin July 1, 2005

"We were made to feel very welcome at Darwin Sunrise and there followed a series of meetings eventually resulting in the amalgamation of both clubs, retaining the name of the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise (incorporating The Rotary Club of Port Darwin).

All property of the Rotary Club of Port Darwin to become the property of the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise and we accepted their offer to continue the current community projects of the Rotary Club of Port Darwin.

We truly look forward to the opportunity to enjoy Rotary with all of Darwin Sunrise members."

Excerpts from the files of President Ian (Joe) Davis, Port Darwin Rotary Club, courtesy of Marilyn Davies.



Presidents Address

2018-2019 Club President



My vision for the year 2018-2019, was to continue to add to the strength of our Club, as it was handed over to me by the past president Catherine Weber. Catherine's great contribution by completing our Strategic Plan for the years 2017-2022 has provided a grounding and structure for our club to work within.

I am incredibly proud to be part of our team, that worked towards achieving all of my goals. Our membership increased manyfold. Inspired by Joy's idea of Arts Auction, within 2 weeks our team raised over \$15,000 to help Townsville flood victims. Inspired by Di and Jeff's Pot Luck Dinner in 2018 & 2019, our team raised over \$4,000 for Laublora Green School in East Timor. Di's and Ram's contribution with coordinating Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner Excellence Awards initiated by our club continues to enrich our services. Lorraine's inspiration and management of Deckchair fundraiser raised \$3,000 dedicated for ROMAC. We planted over 400 trees at East Point.

And Sandy's countless hours of dedication not only enabled our club to continue to contribute to the St John Ambulance Annual Awards, initiated by our Club 20 years ago, but also enabled us to enjoy the hospitality of Her Honour the Administrator to celebrate our club's 30th Anniversary at the Government House. Our fellowship and fun times continue each 5th Friday arvo of the month.

Our club's strength has significantly increased. We are well set into the future inspired to continue our work at a great place with a great team ready to continue to accomplish our future goals.

Yours in Rotary

Marguerite Bowen

2019-2020 Club President



Rotary, for me, has been a profound life experience. When I joined, I could not have expected to have met so many interesting, inspiring and kind people. I think that the biggest surprise was finding that fellowship above all else was at the core of Rotary. That Rotary not only changes the lives of the most vulnerable, but also lives of the many members who have built long lasting friendships and acquaintances within clubs all over the world.

Learning the theme for this year 'Rotary Connects the World' would coincide with the clubs thirtieth anniversary, I thought - how fitting. As you read through this book you will find the notion of 'connection' is at the heart of our members experience with Rotary.

This year's theme was summarised by 2019-2020 Rotary International President Mark Daniel Maloney, who said:

"Rotary allows us to connect with each other, in deep and meaningful ways, across our differences. It connects us to people we would never otherwise have met, who are more like us than we ever could have known. It connects us to our communities, to professional opportunities, and to the people who need our help"

For me this statement epitomises what Rotary is about. I am thoroughly looking forward to the next twelve months and my aim for the club is to keep creating and growing connections with Rotarians new and old, as well as with our community and our district. I hope that I can do the club proud and live up to the extremely big shoes of those who have gone before me.

Yours in Rotary

Rebecca Miniken

Past Presidents



2018-2019 Marguerite Bowen
Be the Inspiration



2002-2003 Rod Strong
Sow the Seeds of Love



2017-2018 Catherine Weber
Making A Difference



2001-2002 Martyn Wilkinson
Mankind is Our Business



2016-2017 Jeffrey Borella
Rotary Serving Humanity



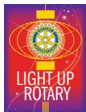
2000-2001 Harry Coehn
Create Awareness...Take Action



2015-2016 - Susan Penfold
Be A Gift to the World



1999-2000 Sivaram Vemuri
Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity



2014-2015 Ian Berry
Light Up Rotary



1998-1999 Reg Prasad
Follow Your Rotary Dream



2013-2014 Ainslie Ward
Engage Rotary Change Lives



1997-1998 Len Marinovich
Show Rotary Cares



2012-2013 Roger Pocock
Peace Through Service



1996-1997 Kym Johnson / Julie Nicholson
Build the Future with Action and Vision



2011-2012 Dianne Borella
Reach Within to Embrace Humanity



1995-1996 Gerry Swan
Act with Integrity - Serve with Love - Work for Peace



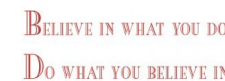
2010-2011 Joy Passmore
Building Communities Bridging Continents



1994-1995 Ian Menzies
Be A Friend



2009-2010 Wendy McKay
The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands



1993-1994 Chris Wardle
Believe In what You Can Do - Do what You Believe In



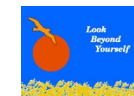
2008-2009 Quentin Kilian
Make Dreams Real



1992-1993 Peter Gumley
Real Happiness is Help Others



2007-2008 Heather Traeger
Rotary Shares



1991-1992 Brian Slatter
Look Beyond Yourself



2006-2007 Sandy Oldroyd
Lead the Way



1990-1991 Geoff Dawson / John Revel
Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm



2005-2006 Diana Leeder
Service Above Self



1989-1990 Tom Williams
Enjoy Rotary



2004-2005 Malika Okeil
Celebrate Rotary

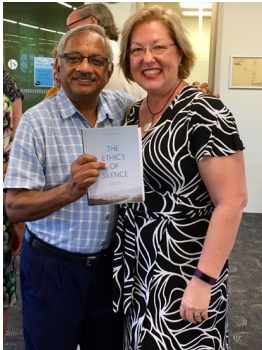


1988-1989 Tom Williams
*(Caretaker President prior to Charter)
Put Life in Rotary - Your Life*



2003-2004 Graham Wright
Lend A Hand

Reflections: Voices of Fun, Friendship and Fellowships



"I joined Rotary to serve my community in a grass roots kind of way that I cannot as a senior public servant. I love that our club is a morning breakfast club and I really appreciate the variety of fabulous people in our club. It's been fun serving with a bunch of like-minded professionals." **Lorraine Corrowa**, current Club Member

Lorraine Corrowa celebrating fellow sunrise Ram Vemuri's book launch



Team Darwin Sunrise at the District Conference in Alice Springs 2019



Marguerite Bowen presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Quentin Killian

"A great group of people who want to make a difference in the world and people I will call lifelong friends." **Quentin Killian**, former Club Member

"Each Meeting and event leaves great memories socialising with like-minded people, planning and contributing to the communities, and creating experiences that add to the everyday's and future wellbeing of my own and others." **Marguerite Bowen**, Immediate Past President



"My enduring memory of the club is its strong culture of inclusiveness and tolerance. We all come from such varying backgrounds and occupations, but differences dissolve away when we meet and in our service to the community. Everyone contributes to the club in their own way, and the whole is greater

than the sum of the parts." **Catherine Weber**, Club Member and Foundation Director



Commemorating 30 years at Government House, June 2019. Charter Members, from left: Guan Yeo, Steve Glennon, Martyn Wilkinson, Mr Craig O'Halloran and Her Hon Vicki O'Halloran AM, Administrator of the Northern Territory, Dave Cormack, Ram Vemuri, Harry Coehn, Marguerite Bowen, President 2018-19

"My GP, PDG PP Guan Yeo was about to give me an injection when he suggested I come along to a new Rotary Club which was being formed. It felt to me that I should accept his suggestion. I went along to this fledgling group and enjoyed the company and decided to join Rotary.

The Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise was eventually chartered 26th July 1989 and I was a Charter Member. I have been a member of Rotary ever since except for a period when I moved to Sydney in 2004, until I moved to Caloundra in 2006 and I joined Rotary Club of Caloundra. New to Caloundra, my new club immediately gave me 30 or so new friends who gave me a welcome and greatly assisted my settling into a new city.

Initially I joined because of the opportunity to network and meet other business people but as time went by I realized what a wonderful organization Rotary was - its members' ethics, the involvement and contribution to the local community and the international work done by Rotary. I really got involved when I was asked to attend a Board meeting for some reason and found out just what went on behind the scenes.

Rotary is doing a wonderful job locally and internationally and I can highly recommend this organization to anyone.

Having joined Rotary, like all members I took my turn in at some time or another assuming the mantle of various Directorships, Treasurer and when it looked like I could not avoid President's position, I made sure Harry Cohen would take on the position of Secretary to ease the load.

I am honoured to have been awarded Paul Harris Fellow recognition and 2 sapphires over the years.

I did not get too involved with District but did do a stint as District 9550 Secretary in 2003. Very interesting, and we got every Club in the District onto email for the first time. (It was a battle with some Clubs).

I suppose the major function I was involved with was the Orchid Spectacular, a high profile event, but requiring a lot of members' time and labour, and unfortunately did not make a lot of money for our efforts.- we took it on for 5 years and members breathed a sigh of relief when we handed it back to the Orchid Societies.

The Club was a wonderful mix of sticklers for the rules and those who specialized in bending Rotary protocols as far as could be done and so many volunteers. A great Club.

Lots of enjoyable Changeovers - I will never forget Reg Prasad's Karaoke Changeover, complete with visit from the Chorale. Another included a Club Member's Elvis impersonation - and nobody could pick who he was until the end-Brilliant!" **Gerry Swan**, Charter Member

Changeover 2004 - Directors. From left, Quentin Killian, Malika O'Keil, Diana Leeder, Julie Nicholson and Sandy Oldroyd



From left, Rotarians Warren and Diana Leeder, Julie Nicholson and Martyn Wilkinson

"As the first mixed gender club in our District, Darwin Sunrise was a trailblazer and those early days had a particularly positive buzz as we broke new ground while getting involved in the community and having fun. I have enjoyed being involved in events which bring the community together such as the NT Orchid Spectacular, the NT Garden Spectacular, and various open days, not to mention projects and fundraising for those less fortunate. It has been a great privilege getting to know our diverse members who come from all walks of life and their inspiring ideas, energy and generosity." **Julie Nicholson**, Associate Member

“My earliest memories of the club is being invited to a few social functions as a guest and then again by invitation, to attend a number of breakfast meetings with my sponsor Shirley Collins. Prior to Rotary I was involved with a ‘women’s service club’ the Quota Club of Nightcliff, but due to declining membership had folded and amalgamated with the Darwin Quota Club. Therefore, after that transition (along with Shirley Collins and Jenny Strong) I was looking for something new and exciting to put my energies into. After attending the breakfasts and social events I liked what the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise was offering, I liked the members and I was inspired by their projects.

Luckily enough, I also received a special invitation to attend the Charter Breakfast Presentation that was actually held on the 5 November 1989 at the Beaufort Hotel (now the Hilton on the Esplanade) and, what a fabulous and memorable event it was! Shortly after that, in the first year of Charter 1989-1990, I was inducted into the club along with all other women members, at that time, who became the first in the club, the NT, the District and perhaps Australia!

My involvement has been constant ever since, apart from a few years break, when I had young and teenage children to look after. I have served the Club on many levels as a committee member under various Directors, Secretary 2005-06, President 2006-2007 and now the Clubs Treasurer 2017 to current. As well, I undertook the position of Assistant District Governor (ADG) – District 9550 Group 1 from 2008 to 2010, which was a great experience and huge learning curve, that took me to a new level of ‘Rotary’ involvement and knowledge and over that three year period I worked with DG’s Joanne Schilling, Phil Dempster and Brendan Porter along with all Presidents / Club Members through-out Group 1.

The projects that are special to me are the Paramedics of the Year Awards that commenced as the Ambulance Officer Awards 20 years ago and the original Aboriginal Health Worker Awards that was instigated 13 years ago by Di Borella and Wendy McKay (now Robinson) during my year as President in 2006-07. They are both wonderful vocational ‘signature’ awards that truly celebrates the vital role each paramedic and health worker delivers through the services they perform, on a daily basis, within their communities through-out the Territory - year after year.

Over the years the events that stand out are the Orchid Spectacular, Beer Tasting Event, Joan Ridley Gardens (establishment and working bees), the Trailer and Fishing Gear Raffle, the Great Balloon Debates (and being chucked out), Sacha Drake Fashion Night, the Tropical Garden Spectacular, Wedding Bells and Beaus, the Foundation Movie Nights and more recently the Art Auction and the list goes on!

*It is my absolute honour and pleasure to be a member of this wonderful club. I’ve made lots of friends, shared much fellowship, laughed, cried, worked hard on many community service projects, had lots of fun at so many Change-Overs and Christmas Parties but most of all I am a very proud Rotarian particularly, when through the work that we do, we can give back to the community and people in need.” **Sandy Oldroyd**, Treasurer*



Sandy Oldroyd

Rotary’s got all sorts of talent!





Paul Harris Fellows recognise the good across the community- PHF David (Daisy) Taylor



Graham and Judy Wright in central Australia

“Graham was a President and held many other positions whilst in the Club. One achievement he loved was a beer tasting competition. He bought beers from all around the world as well as the Australian, he made all the forms and you had to guess if it was a larger, ale etc and name the beer.

“I have great memories of the Club, the friendships I formed and the many achievements of a group of people working together”
Sally Thomas, Honorary Member

I think Graham was the first to do the car rally where you had to stop at a point to find out your next leg, I remember him meticulously doing the correct speed and timing how long it took to get your next instruction as 30 mins was too short and over an hour was too long.”
 Reflection on the contribution of **Graham Wright** by Judy Wright

When were you active with the Club? *“I was born in Sabah, Malaysia in 1947 and since 1967 have been a practising Chartered Accountant and moved to Darwin in 1980. On joining the club I held the classification of ‘Accounting Chartered’. This was my first time in a community service organisation but I was no stranger to committees and task forces and enjoyed the fellowship of our club very much. I was a Charter Member from 1989 to 2002.”*

Did you hold any Club or District position(s)? *“Part of the Inaugural Board of Directors as Community Service Director, Director Fund Raising: 1991-92 and President Elect: 2002-03 but sadly, my work took me to East Timor and Rod Strong stepped in the President’s role a year before his time.”*

Was there a project or special function you were involved with?

Earlier Community Services projects included

- *The supply of an “Aqua lift” to the Salvation Army Aged Home and*
- *A second “Aqua lift” for the Parap Pool. These portable hydraulic pool lift allows disable and convalescing people to have easy access to and from the swimming pool for their exercise and relaxation.*
- *Purchase - first aid equipment for the NT Council on Ageing*
- *Erection of metal framed greenhouses – Moil & Essington Schools. This was part of the Australian-wide Rotary Environment Project “Trees for Survival”*

What are your memories of the club? *“My involvement with our Clubs first major fund-raising evening the “Gala Fund Night” working with our leader and organiser Sandy Oldroyd, together with Shirley Collins and Jenny Strong plus others! We had a fabulous evening and it was a “grand” event.”* **Colin Collard**, Charter Member



“The most special thing that has come from Rotary are the friendships and connections that have been made along the way. These friendships are both local and international and continue on forever. Being a Rotary Youth Exchange Student and a GSE team leader to USA have been the best experiences of my life, and they continue on forever. I have my 25 year exchange reunion in San Francisco next year! My Darwin, Timor Leste and Queensland Rotary friends are very special and dear to me and I enjoy being with them – that makes every function and project special.

I never expected to become a catwalk model, and yet the Sacha Drake fashion show presented that opportunity and was so much fun. We have had so many great parties and functions over the years. I loved the progressive dinner we did all those years ago, and I loved the Foundation committee meetings we used to have with coffee and cake at the café in Milner all those years ago. I think the best projects have been sponsoring young people and doing all that work on the Kitchen at Ludmilla School. I also loved the Knockabout Chef program, which

changed so many lives. It was amazing to go to the District conference in Dili in 2013 and see how our work makes so much difference to the people there. We visited an orphanage and made some people really happy.”

Ainslie Corridon, Assistant District Governor and Club Member

“I have been a member of the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise since 1991.

I am proud that our Darwin Sunrise club was the first in the Northern Territory to include women and I was delighted to have been invited to become one of the first female members by the Past District Governor Guan Teik Yeo. Later my husband Austin and I were both honoured to be named Paul Harris Fellows.

I have many recollections of our morning meetings with a wide range of interesting guest speakers. One speaker I invited was the Reverend Donald Johnston who was both an Anglican priest and a schoolteacher. He visited Darwin and our club several times as one of his daughters lived here. In his later career he spent five years as the Headmaster of the Martyrs’ Memorial School at Popondetta, in the highlands of Papua New Guinea. After Donald and his wife Elin retired to Point Lonsdale in Victoria, he became a member of his local Rotary club in Geelong. In November 2007 Oro Province in PNG suffered extensive flooding, loss of life and property damage during Cyclone Guba. Soon afterwards, Elijah Sarigari, a former teacher and one of the community leaders of Oro Province, made contact with his former PNG School Principal, seeking help. Reverend Johnston then involved his Geelong Rotary Club and visited the province with another member, Anton Van Doornik. Their club provided immediate support and since then there have been Rotary teams assisting in rebuilding at Sariri Village in 2011, 2013 and 2015. This is one example of the importance of personal linkages and practical responses to disaster and disadvantage that Rotary provides.

Other memories are of less serious but no less important Rotary activities which have been most enjoyable. I remember the balloon debate but unfortunately not who won it or why, and the Australia Day quiz when Austin of course recited Banjo Patterson poetry. I was happy to host one course of the Rotary progressive dinner for a few years and Austin was proud to show off the then new Supreme Court during a Rotary visit.”

Val Asche, Honorary Member





Malika in Tasmania with her Polish chicken

“Wishing the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise a Happy 30th Birthday!

I was a member of the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise from 1998 until 2018 when I retired and relocated to Tasmania. During that time, I held many Board positions including President (2004), Secretary (2002-03, 2003-04) and Treasurer (2000-01, 2001-02) as well as District 9550 Secretary (2007-08, 2008-09).

I have been privileged to be involved in the club’s annual vocational and community programs which have included the Aboriginal and Torres Island Health Practitioners and the Paramedic of the Year Awards. These programs would not have been successful without the support of gem club members Wendy Mackay and Sandy Oldroyd. For many years I was the site supervisor for the annual Clean-up Australia Day, which club members and other community groups attended come rain or shine. I am pleased that these programs are ongoing for the club.

Each year the club makes a positive impact through it’s many projects for the local, national and international communities. I always enjoyed the many vocational visits, Great Balloon debates, themed Change Overs and District Conferences. The fundraisers were an ‘all hands on deck’ event and included the Beer Tasting Night, gate keeping at the Tropical Garden Spectacular; selling raffle tickets, attending movie nights, and many more.

I will always hold dear the fellowship, friendship, hilarity and support I had in the club, never a dull moment! I am extremely grateful to have worked alongside many talented club members and am proud to have been a member of this club that has given me so many fond memories and many friendships that endure.

It has been an honour and privilege to be part of the Rotary Family.” Malika O’Keil, Club Member

“Friday mornings were the highlight of the week. Having breakfast with like minded people at Darwin Sunrise Rotary Club. It was just great. As a friend said, its like going to a church, you say grace and take up an offering. It was a sad day when business conditions changed and Friday mornings now are spent on our melon farm at Middle Point.”

David Cormack, Charter Member



Fun with Rotary, St Patricks Day Fundraiser



Rotary hospitality! Hosting GSE delegates



Even strategic planning can be fun with Rotary!

30 Years of Service Above Self – Projects through the years



Townsville Flood Appeal 2019



Community lottery sales at Parap Markets

Special Children's Christmas Party 2018



Tree planting with Darwin Council 2019



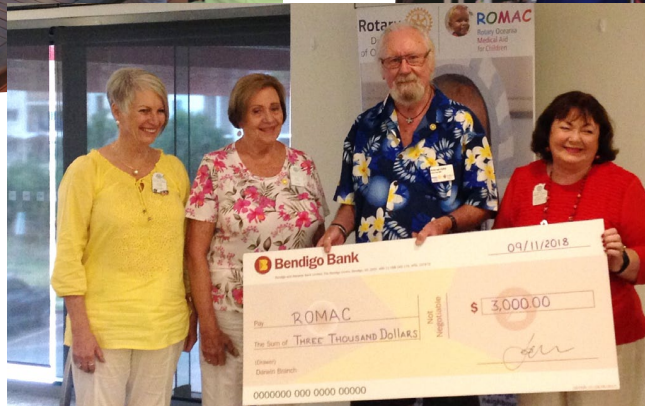
Nightcliff Football Club Duck Race



Rotary Christmas Cakes over the years!



Pot Luck Dinners for the Leublora Green School, Dili, Timor-Leste



Deckchair Cinema Fundraiser for ROMAC 2018



Tropical Garden Spectacular



NT Health Aboriginal Worker and Aboriginal Health Practitioner Excellence Awards

Paramedic of the Year Awards





The Aqualift at Parap Pool



The shade house at Moil or Essington School, 1990



Art auction at the Gala Fund Night

*Here's to another
30 years of
Rotary with Darwin Sunrise!*

Thank you to everyone who assisted in the production of this book.

