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Our Mission

Within the charter of Rotary International, to provide fellowship and fun for members, service to the local community and service to the wider world

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Introduction

This is the story of a small group of people drawn from the middle-class eastern suburbs of Melbourne and their efforts to fulfil a common goal of providing service to the local and wider community as volunteers. Running in parallel with this objective has been their desire to share and develop fellowship and friendship among themselves and their partners and colleagues. In doing all of this, they have sought to observe the basic guidelines of a Rotary International club.

With its membership based on vocation, the Rotary Club of Glenferrie has been able to draw on a great range of skills to help put its ideals and goals into practice. This history describes only some of the activities undertaken over a 30 year period in the belief that what has been recorded can be taken as typical of a much greater body of work actually done. Club archives - board minutes, weekly news bulletins and annual reports - provide a more detailed record for anyone interested.

30 YEARS ON clearly indicates a development of maturity in the Rotary Club of Glenferrie over time. Initially, it could be said that the Club walked in the shadow of its parent, the Rotary Club of Hawthorn, sharing some early projects while the new club learnt the ways of Rotary operation. But it was not long before the Glenferrie group undertook local community projects on its own, such as the River Run, then moving on to the organisation of projects at a District or multi District level, such as the Pennies from Heaven/ Cents for the Shrine project or the organisation of the District 9800 Annual Assembly, and finally setting its feet on the Rotary world stage in 2005 with its concept for the production of a special silver dollar to mark the Centenary of Rotary International.

Another indication of developing maturity has been the ability of the Club to take on community projects requiring on-going commitment, such as its major fund-raiser, the Boroondara Farmers Market, and the establishment of the Boroondara Family Network.

The Rotary Club of Glenferrie can now look back with a degree of pride on a large body of community service activity successfully provided over the past 30 years and its members can recall countless occasions of fun and fellowship shared along the way between members, their partners, friends and colleagues. With continuing commitment and the confidence to act, there is good reason to think that this record will build further in future years.

Our origins

In the beginning, Paul Harris, USA -1905

It can be said that the Rotary Club of Glenferrie owes its existence to the decision of lawyer, Paul Harris, and three of his friends to meet in a small office in downtown Chicago on 25 February 1905. Their aim was to try to rekindle in the business community world the spirit of friendliness they had known earlier in their home towns. However, although the group was formed originally for fellowship, the members soon began to use their talents and resources to serve the community as well. And so it was that by the end of 1905 there were 30 Paul Harris members in what was the world's first service club. They decided to call themselves a Rotary club because of their practice of meeting in rotation at the members' various places of business.



The concept of the Chicago club spread quickly in the United States and groups were soon being formed in other countries as well. The Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Canada, formed in the 1911-12 year, gave Rotary international status, while clubs in England and Ireland followed soon after. Then came Havana, in 1915; Manila, in 1919, and Madrid, Johannesburg, and Melbourne in 1921. As a result of this growth, the name Rotary International (RI) was adopted in 1922.

Today, Rotary International has a membership of 1.2 million people and operates in 166 countries.

Rotary in Australia – 1921

Rotary was introduced to Australia in 1921 by two Rotary International Commissioners, Canadians James Davidson, of the Rotary Club of Calgary, and Lt-Colonel Layton Ralston, of the Rotary Club of Halifax. Their brief was to start Rotary clubs in Australia and New Zealand. They arrived in Sydney late in March, but as they reported later, they found it "closed" for Easter and the Royal Agricultural Show and they could find no one with whom to discuss the possible formation of a Rotary club. So they came south and formed the Rotary Club of Melbourne in April 1921.

The Rotary Club of Sydney was formed soon after and before long there were 72 Rotarians in the two Australian Rotary clubs. Today, there are 36,000 Rotarians in Australia in 1,184 clubs and 23 Rotary districts.

Among the Australian institutions which owe their existence to the work of Rotarians are:

- Crippled Children's Societies
- Police Citizens Boys Club
- The Mental Health Authority of Victoria
- The National Fitness Council of New South Wales
- The Australian Medical Alert Foundation
- The University of Western Australia
- International houses at four universities and one Institute of Technology.

Australia has given the Rotary world four outstanding Rotary International Presidents: in Sir Angus Mitchell, 1948-49; Sir Clem Renouf, 1978-79; Royce Abbey, 1988-89 and Glen Kinross, 1997-98.

The Rotary Club of Glenferrie – 1975

The Rotary Club of Glenferrie is the third Rotary club to have been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hawthorn in its locality. The first was the Rotary Club of Camberwell, chartered in 1956, followed by the Rotary Club of Kew in 1967. The idea of canvassing support for a third new club in Hawthorn territory was first discussed early in John Head's year as president of Hawthorn Rotary

in 1974-75. He and some of the older members of Hawthorn saw the need for further extending Rotary activity in the area, and their opinion was backed up by a request from District Governor Ted Atkinson (197475) to examine this idea. The suggestion resulted in the chairman of Hawthorn's membership committee, Jim Earle, forming a subcommittee in October 1974, comprising himself, John Head and Jack Cathie, to consider the proposal. After detailed investigation by this group, in which more than 200 unfilled member classifications were identified, the Hawthorn board made a favourable recommendation in March 1975 to the District Governor and so the process of starting another club began.

Jack Cathie was charged with managing the preliminary work as the Governor's Special Representative. His first step was to make a detailed survey of all the businesses in the Hawthorn municipality in May and early June 1975. At the same time, organizational details, such as club name, territory and meeting time and place were discussed. In due course, the Hawthorn board resolved that a new club should be formed, that no Hawthorn territory should be ceded, meaning Hawthorn and Glenferrie clubs would seek members from the same area, that the club would be based on dinner time meetings so as not to clash with Hawthorn and that the word "Hawthorn" should not appear in the new club's title. The name "Rotary Club of Glenferrie" was agreed on 29 July 1975.

By the end of August 1975 about 90 prospective members had been identified, either from Jack Cathie's survey and direct approach or by recommendation from other Hawthorn members. A team of club members carried out interviews with the prospects, leading to 22 people indicating their interest. An introductory meeting came next, held in the home of Bib Stillwell, Hawthorn past president, at which 19 prospective members and eight Hawthorn members were present.

A preliminary meeting of the proposed Rotary Club of Glenferrie was held at "Tay Creggan", in Yarra Street, Hawthorn, on 7 October for those who accepted membership. A week later an organizational meeting was held at Angelucci's Restaurant in Walpole Street, Kew, at which board members and officer bearers were chosen.



Jack Balloch, a member of the Rotary Club of Kew since 1968, was asked by Jack Cathie to become the inaugural president. Others selected were Rick Alston, vice-president; Roy Jackson, secretary; Don Moore, treasurer; and John Cochrane, Llewellyn Jones, Ron Langford, Garry McIntyre, Barry Preston and Barrie Young, directors. Sponsorship documentation was completed the next day and given to District Governor Frank Newman (1975-76) for forwarding to Rotary International and The Rotary Club

of Glenferrie was Jack Balloch, charter president granted a charter on 22 October.

Formal presentation of the charter and induction of 30 members was carried out at a dinner in the Hawthorn Town Hall on Monday 24 November 1975 before a gathering of 280 friends, partners and fellow Rotarians representing 34 clubs, most of them in the then District 280 (later 980 and now 9800) but also from Districts 279 and 282. District Governor Frank Newman first inducted the charter president, Jack Balloch, who in turn inducted the other 29 charter members.

In his speech that evening, titled: What makes Rotary so special?, Frank Newman identified two key factors for the future life of the Club. 'The very first thing', he said, 'is the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service'. The second factor he noted was the opportunity to show leadership in the community, particularly in the area of youth. Rotarians were well placed to accept this responsibility.

Glenferrie was fortunate to receive commemorative gifts from several other Rotary clubs in honour of its new beginning. Club vicepresident, Rick Alston, announced receipt of a gong and striker from the parent club, the Rotary Club of Hawthorn, a lectern from the Rotary Club of Collingwood, the president's collar from the Rotary

Club of Kew, the guest speaker's badge from the Rotary Club of Toorak and cheques from the Rotary clubs of Bentleigh, Brighton, Camberwell, Caulfield, Chadstone, Collingwood, Forest Hill, Ringwood and St Kilda.

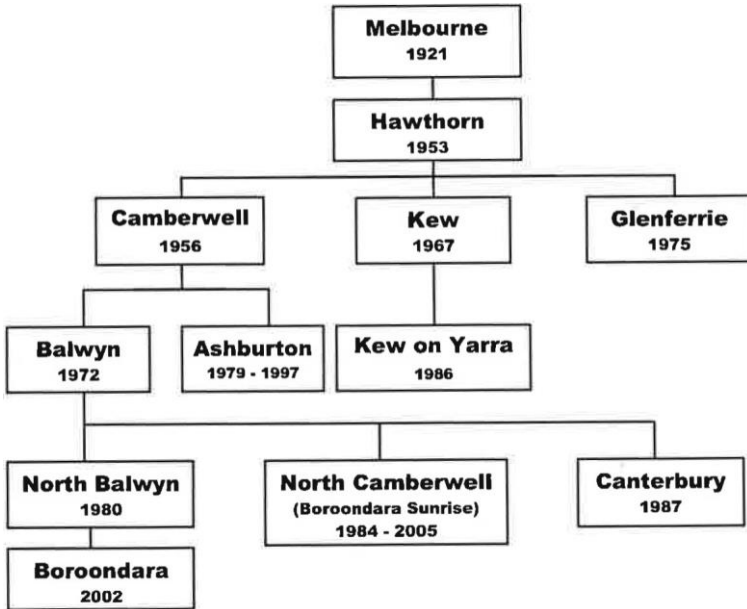
For the first few months of its life, the weekly meetings of Glenferrie continued at Angelucci's Restaurant. Then, in recognition of the need for a venue more suited to the regular dinner meeting format, a move was made to the Hawthorn Football Club Social Club, Linda Crescent, Hawthorn, in May 1976 and this site represented home for Glenferrie for 16 years. In 1992 Club meetings moved to the Manresa Function Centre in Burwood Road, Hawthorn, and then, in November 2001 when this centre was closed for redevelopment, a move was made to the current home of Kew Heights Sports Club, in Barkers Road, Kew.

In its early days, the new Club chose not to undertake any major project, instead concentrating on fellowship and getting to know one another. Job talks given by members was one method used to achieve this.



Glenferrie charter president Jack Balloch (left) and past president John Skerritt with Beverley Skerritt at the Club's 10th anniversary party

Rotary Club of Glenferrie Family Tree



Club Service

The Club Service function could well be called the house-keeping department of any Rotary club. Opinions may vary as to what factors in this area make the most important contribution to the life of a successful club but Glenferrie history indicates that there are three major influences - fellowship, membership development and fund raising. Satisfying fellowship has provided primary motivation in the weekly life of the group, effective fund raising has been an essential prerequisite for many of the Club's service projects to be put into practice and membership development has been basic to ongoing Club life.

Fellowship the first Object of Rotary

A primary mantra of the Rotary organization is to be found in its 'Object of Rotary' text. This states that the Object of Rotary •is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise, then going on to list four basic elements. It is significant, but perhaps not surprising, that the first of the four basics is stated as: 'the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service'. Development of fellowship, after all, was a driving influence for Rotary founder, Paul Harris, when he was a young businessman living away from home in Chicago and was missing the early friendships he had enjoyed in his home town.

Rotary Club of Glenferrie members have been reminded of the importance of fellowship within the group at the beginning of their meeting each week when they say the Rotary grace offering thanks 'for good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve in Rotary'.

At the Club's charter night on 24 November 1975, then District Governor Frank Newman began his speech by emphasizing the importance of fellowship in Rotary. 'Did you ever think or realize that the moment you were accepted as a Rotarian you instantly made and were accepted by some 774,000 new friends throughout the world', he

said. 'Fellows, this is a very great privilege, so make the most of it; really try and get to know the other fellow, his early days, his vocation. Your life, his life and your club will be enriched wherever there is an atmosphere of real fellowship, because we are enriched not so much by aptitude, but rather by attitudes'.

Throughout its life, Club records indicate that Glenferrie has made continuous and deliberate efforts to encourage fellowship within the group, whether during the regular weekly meetings or through organized social occasions. One of the clearest indications of this has been in the conduct of weekly meetings and the insistence of members that adequate time is provided for informal discussion in the evening's program.

Development of fellowship through social functions also has been extensive. Past president Roy Longworth, in his annual report for 1979-80, noted that he aimed to involve the ladies in the activities of the Club as much as possible, in the belief that this was essential for the success of any Rotary club. The first informal meeting of ladies was held in August 1979, with others following through the year in different homes. Since then, countless social functions have been held, sometimes in restaurants and sometimes in member's homes, and partners' nights at Club meetings have also been a regular feature since the beginning.

Membership development

From the outset, consistent attention given by the Glenferrie board to membership development resulted in a steady flow of new members, with inductions reaching a total of 19 in the first five years. However, good though this was, it was only just enough to offset early resignations in the settling down period, so that overall growth for this period was small. By 1977, Club membership had risen from the original 30 to 33, and by the tenth anniversary year it was 36, still a disappointing figure in the eyes of some. In fact there was sufficient concern about the future of the group at one point in its first ten years for the board to conduct a special survival meeting. Key issues identified for improvement at that discussion included the proper functioning of committees, attendance levels, duty rosters and the

guest speaker program, all aspects of club service and successful club operation.

In the early years, development of broad knowledge of the Rotary movement within the new Club was a constant necessity. To this end, Rotary information talks were held once a month and "fireside chats" were hosted regularly in members' homes. Emphasis on attending annual District conference and assembly was also strong. In his year as Club president, 1982-83, Llew Jones introduced the idea of holding Club committee meetings during the evening meal once a month. This helped to bring about stronger commitment and better knowledge of committee activities.



Glenferrie 21st birthday celebration held at William Angliss College, Melbourne. Helping to cut the cake are, from left, Neville Nicholls, Jack Cathie, David Fincham, Louis Cohen, Jack Balloch, Linsey Flint, Don Moore, Llew Jones and Roy Longworth.

Club membership reached 40 in the mid-1990s and has stayed in the 40s range since then. An important factor in the growth of membership in recent years has been the induction of women, following amendment of the Rotary International constitution in 1989. Mrs Jo Buchanan was the first lady to join Glenferrie when she was inducted in July 1995. Since then a further 13 ladies have joined,

of whom six have retained membership to make up a little more than ten percent of the total number in the group at the present time.

Fund raising — some examples

With the Club formation process successfully completed, the Glenferrie group set about meeting its service commitments. On the finance side, the first major project, conducted in co-operation with parent club Hawthorn, was to raise funds for the purchase of a minibus to be donated to the Hawthorn City Council for use in senior citizen programs. To this end, arrangements were made for a Garden Evening to be conducted in the Hawthorn Town Hall in March 1976, featuring TV personality, Kevin Heinz, and Bob Whitehead as speakers. There was also a display and sale of garden aids and there were garden related prizes to be won. The evening raised \$1850. This was followed in April 1976 by a raffle of two TV sets. There were numerous other fundraisers in the early life of the Club, including a ladies fashion lunch, a film night, a wine auction, and a mannequin parade. An exhibition of goods made from woven fibres netted \$1250. Another successful event financially was an evening of china painting, which raised \$700, and a further Garden Lovers' Night in 1980, again featuring Kevin Heinz, yielded \$1500. In the 1979-80 year a total of \$10,000 was raised for service funds, 'not a bad effort for a small Club', said president Roy Longworth. The biggest contribution to this sum came from the River Run, initiated in 1978.

The River Run - A successful fund raiser for 27 years, 1978 to 2004

The advent of the River Run on the Club's program was in fact a significant turning point in the development of its fundraising ability as the Run was the first major project to generate service funds on an on-going basis. The Rotary Club of Glenferrie was in its third year of existence when the president, John Skerritt, commissioned Club member Bill Luke to devise a format for a "fun run" which would be of interest to fitness conscious people. At the same time, it was hoped that entry fees from such an event would raise money for distribution to local charities.

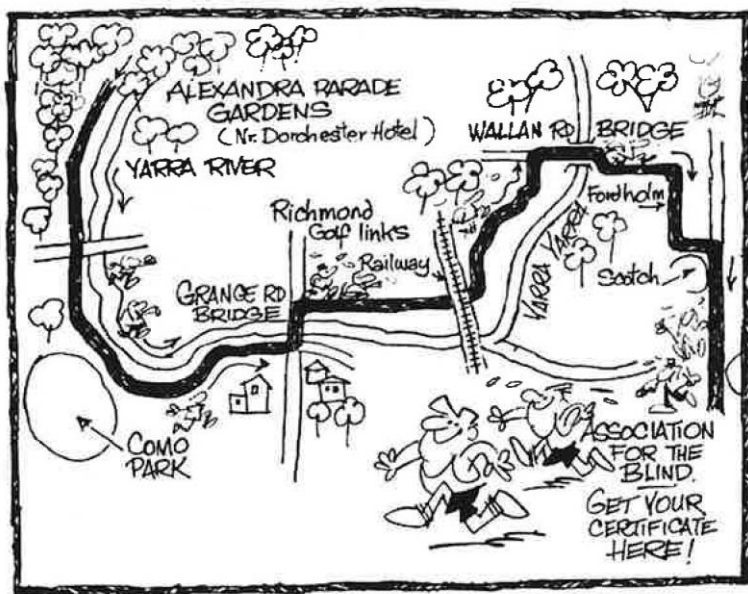
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RIVER RUN

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Media personalities, Lou Richards (left) and John Blackman, prepare participants for the start of the River Run and Walk in the Alexandra Gardens

Bill took up the challenge and set a course commencing at the Dorchester, a reception venue since demolished, which was situated near Princes Bridge, and then following the Yarra River round to Kooyong. The proposed route crossed the Yarra into Burnley at the Grange Road Bridge and then went beside the river to Burnley Horticultural College, through their gardens to Leonda and through the car-park to Fairview Park. The final stage went up Callantina Road to Glenferrie Road and then south down the hill to finish either at the site of The Association For The Blind or at Kooyong Tennis Club. The total distance covered was about 8km. Because the Yarra was the dominant feature of the course the event soon became known as The River Run.

The Association For The Blind was approached first in regard to the finish site and it was decided that in return for a percentage of the

net profit the Run would finish in their grounds, an arrangement that remained in place ever since.

Since its inception in 1978, organization of the Run, which attracted more than 3000 entries in some years, has been a major undertaking for the Club, commencing with distribution of thousands of promotional leaflets and entry forms. On the day of the event, about 70 volunteers have been needed to act as route marshals, cashiers, drink-station operators, transport drivers, carpark attendants, announcers and route setters. Additionally, from the outset the State Emergency Service of Victoria (SES) assisted with transport and manpower for setting the route, public address systems and signage and, until recently, members of the Victoria Police assisted with traffic control at major intersections. Also, in some years, Melbourne celebrities, including Lou Richards, John Blackman and Crackers Keenan, helped with starting arrangements.

With some minor variations, the Run followed the same route until 1999. Then, with the construction of the Burnley Tunnel and road changes associated with the building of Citylink, plus increasing vehicle traffic and a police decision to charge for their time, it was decided to adopt a more 'off road' course. In the following year, it was also decided to encourage walkers as well as a range of runners by providing 5km and 10km alternative routes. The outcome was the route of the last four years, starting and finishing at Vision Australia's (Association For The Blind) outdoor recreation area at Kooyong, following the Yarra Boulevard round to Richmond and back again, staying within parkland as much as possible.

While no official total has been kept, it is estimated that The River Run has raised in excess of \$100,000. Most of this money has gone to Vision Australia and smaller amounts to the SES, with the balance used in Rotary Club of Glenferrie service funds.

River Run organizing committee chair people for the Club have been: Bill Luke, Don Moore, David Sutherland, Ian Robinson, Paul Nugent, Paul Gregory, and Robert Hogan

Anyone for coffee? - Soup, sandwiches and Devonshire teas at the Craft Market Coffee Shop



Following the establishment of the River Run as a major annual fund raiser for the Club, the Glenferrie Board began to search for a second event which could contribute to service funds on a regular basis. Success eventually came in a roundabout way when the Club became associated with the Hawthorn Craft Market, held on the first Sunday of the month in the Hawthorn Town Hall. The original plan was to operate a flower stall at the market but it was this

involvement which led to a decision to take over the running of the coffee shop which served market patrons. For most of the life of the coffee shop, the equipment and basic stores used month to month were kept and maintained by John Suriano at his home in Hawthorn, so the Barrie Young, initiator of the Club's project naturally became closely flower stall at the Hawthorn Craft identified with him. John has Market, which led to operation of the supplied the following memoir.

Coffee Shop In 1985 Barrie Young was appointed president of our Rotary Club. In the same year a craft market was launched in Hawthorn, to be held monthly at the Hawthorn Town Hall. Our club was asked if it would like to have a stall and raise money. President Barrie, a local solicitor, struck on the brainwave of selling flowers.

And so it was that for a few months Barrie and his good friend and member of the club, Graeme Hubbard/ sold flowers outside the Hawthorn Town on the first Sunday of every month. Although at the time it was a blooming good idea, the novelty and lack of trade soon took its toll. However, another member with an eye for a good deal, David Sutherland, found that there were two ladies supplying sandwiches and light refreshment to the customers inside the Town

Hall. One thing led to another and, before we realised, David had offered to take over the refreshment stall, proposing that our club do the job instead and thus, in 1986, the 'coffee shoppe' was launched

Now it must be remembered that in those days a craft market was a novelty. There was no Sunday trading and no café latte sets in Glenferrie Road. In fact, the only bit of life on Sunday was the craft market. As a result, coffee shop takings were very good, netting approximately \$1000 a month. With such a busy market, we would supply 150 rounds of sandwiches, 12 dozen scones, and several cakes and nut loaves. Eight members staffed the coffee shop each month. It was not easy work, but the social interaction was enormous.

Housing of all the equipment became a problem until I took over the lead from David Sutherland and for the next 15 years I housed the equipment at my home, topping up the boxes each month with new supplies and getting them ready for collection by the next coffee shop captain. Terry Rolleston came on to the scene and worked tirelessly for the coffee shop for many years. New signs were made including the Coffee Shoppe banner.

The passing of time saw an increase in Sunday trading in Glenferrie Road precinct and the craft market naturally suffered as this meant that there was something else to do in Glenferrie on Sundays. Our food supplies were almost cut in half and the number of staff required fell accordingly.

The thermometer treatment was almost the final straw that broke the coffee shop's back. In 2001 a new regulation regarding food handling came into being. This new law created more difficulties for us than it solved. On many occasions the health officer would visit, sticking his thermometer into John Wischer's beautiful vegetable soup, into the meat pies and then passing judgment as to the sandwiches having to be stored in the refrigerator. The restrictions on food sales just kept on mounting.

But the final straw was broken when the Town Hall was closed for six months for electrical re-wiring work. We all moved to a new location in Auburn Road but this was not at all satisfactory and laid the final nail. We never returned to the Town Hall. Instead, in 2003 the Club decided to call it a day and look for greener fund raising pastures, which just happened to be around the corner at "The Farmers Market".

To market, to market: Boroondara Farmers Market. A joint project between the Rotary Club of Glenferrie and the City of Boroondara



The Boroondara Farmers Market in operation in Patterson Reserve, Hawthorn

In November 2002 the City of Boroondara approached the Rotary Club of Glenferrie to ascertain whether the Club would be interested in working together to establish a farmers market in local parkland for the benefit of the local community and Rotary projects. This concept was already being successfully run by other organizations at the Collingwood Children's Farm, Koonwarra in Gippsland and at Phillip Island.

With returns from its Coffee Shop at the Hawthorn Craft Market fading, the Club embraced the idea strongly and formed a committee, consisting of Terry Rolleston, Newton Langford, Peter Harvest and Geoff Wood, to manage the project and to meet with representatives from the City of Boroondara, Vicky Davison and Elisa Grassa, on a

regular basis. It was decided to hold the market at Patterson Reserve in Auburn Road, Hawthorn South, on every third Saturday of the month between 8am and 1pm, and the initiative met with immediate support from the local community. Since the first market in March 2003, each market has averaged approximately 1,650 visitors who make a small donation on entry. On average there are 60 stallholders, who pay rent for their site.

Produce sold at the market is grown in areas throughout rural Victoria and includes vegetables, fruit, preserves and jams, coffee, bread, honey, eggs, smoked trout, buffalo meat, veggie burgers, gnocchi and olives, just to mention a few. The market provides a great opportunity for patrons to meet the people who Terry Rolleston (left) and Geoff Wood making grow the food. People the



round of collecting stallholders' fees now also understand that the market is not so much about buying cheap as about buying fresh good quality produce. Additionally, the market provides an opportunity to promote some recycling initiatives, such as the sale of calico bags and waste management.

Many positive comments have been recorded from people attending the market, including: 'this is a nice outing and the produce is fantastic'; 'we meet friends here for coffee and we've seen some of our neighbours shopping'; 'it's become a special Saturday where families get together sitting around the park talking and drinking coffee and, at the same time, getting the opportunity to buy fresh healthy food.' The retro aspect of the outdoor setting and village atmosphere of the market has appealed to patrons, contrasting with the usual hi-tech, impersonal supermarket shopping experience.

The Rotary Club of Glenferrie's role on market day has been to assist stallholders into their allocated positions, set up banners and signage, establish entry points and mark out the perimeter of the market area. Rostered members then man the entrance points whilst the market is operating. Glenferrie also has taken responsibility for the counting and banking of monies collected from stallholders and patrons.

When establishing the market, it was agreed with the City of Boroondara that half of the net proceeds would be distributed to the Rotary Club of Glenferrie and the other half to Foundation Boroondara. Foundation Boroondara is a philanthropic company which has been established to engage with the local community and to identify emerging needs as well as to support initiatives that contribute to the community's wellbeing. In particular, the Foundation plans to address issues within Boroondara, such as education, health, culture and the arts, social welfare and the environment.

In the 2003/2004 year, the market generated approximately \$28,000 for the Club's community projects, with a similar amount being distributed to Foundation Boroondara. It is anticipated that the Club will derive in excess of \$30,000 for the 2004/2005 year. Involvement in the Boroondara Farmers Market has brought about a major development of the Club's financial strength and its partnership with the City of Boroondara in this venture is an acknowledgement of the Club's organising ability.

Cents for the Shrine

Glenferrie's fund raising effort with perhaps the longest gestation period began as a project called "Pennies from Heaven". Initiated in 1994 at the suggestion of Club member Rob Scarff, and taken up by Rob Anderson, Club president in 1993-94, the idea was to make a public collection of one and two cent pieces then being phased out as legal tender in the decimal currency system. Despite slow progress in devising a coin collection method and a suitable focal point for the money raised, Rob Anderson continued to work on project details. Eventually the idea became known as "Cents for the Shrine", as it would help to fund building of an auditorium in the new entrance

foyer at the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance. The project was taken up by three Rotary Districts and on the final day in 1997 a large group of volunteers at the Shrine forecourt attempted to gain an entry in the Guinness Book of Records by laying the longest line of ten cent coins ever collected, end to end. The record was not broken but the project raised almost \$250,000.

Gala entertainment evenings

In the 1990s, the Rotary Club of Glenferrie, led by Club members Don Moore and Bruce Gough, was actively involved with a series of very successful 'Gala Entertainment Evenings'. Three events raised a total of about \$60,000 for various causes, including the District 9800 Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) project, the Rotary Bone Marrow Research Centre, the International Diabetes Institute and Rotary Club of Glenferrie projects.

The initial function was held at Leonda Reception Centre in Hawthorn in October 1995. An audience of 700 people was entertained by the Coodabeen Champions, Kevin Sheedy, Peter Hudson and Kevin Bartlett, with Darren James acting as compere. Following the success of this event the Club was requested by the ROMAC District Committee to organise a similar function. Held in November 1997 at Moonee Valley Racecourse, this evening attracted an audience of 600, with entertainment provided by Kevin Bartlett, Johnny Garfield and Dennis Walter, with Max Walker as master of ceremonies. Collette Mann spoke about her work with children and Ray Martin was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow recognition during the evening. A third evening was organised at Moonee Valley Racecourse in September 1998 following a further request from the ROMAC committee. Comedian Brian Doyle entertained 400 Rotarians from all Victorian Rotary districts, with Darren James as compere.

The weekly news bulletin

The Rotary Club of Glenferrie has been diligent in the business of keeping its members up to date with Club news, week to week, from the outset. In fact the first weekly news bulletin, a roneoed foolscap sheet off the typewriter, was issued on 28 October 1975, a month before formal chartering while the group was still in provisional status. The first editor was Laurie MacLennan whose vocation was "Libraries". The foolscap sheet style continued for six months before the first of many changes to format and style of the journal took place. Successive editors, with the support of changing presidents, regularly sought to update the publication and in doing so they introduced folded sheets, coloured paper stock, pre-printing with club member details, pre-printed banner mastheads on white stock and coloured stock, use of black and white illustrations and finally inclusion of full colour photographs in 2002 - in all, at least 12 style revisions in 30 years. The print tradition came to an end in 2004 when, in the interest of expediency, a decision was made to go online and distribute the Club's weekly news and information via email. Outstanding work of Editor Cheryl Pisterman on the Glenferrie Rotarian in 1999-2000 gained a 'Highly Commended' award for the journal from District 9800 in that year.

International Service



Throughout its life, the Rotary Club of Glenferrie has maintained a strong outward-looking attitude through its support for a range of international projects, some being initiatives of Rotary International or Rotary District 9800 and some the initiative of Glenferrie Club members themselves.

Dinner discussion leads to water-well in Swaziland

The decision of the Rotary Club of Glenferrie to fund the provision of a water-well in rural Swaziland in 2002 came about through a chance discussion during a Sunday dinner attended by Club member David Sutherland. David gives us the following details.

Early in the year 2002, a casual Sunday evening meal in Melbourne provided the platform for a water project in the depths of Swaziland.

Our friends, Douglas Wilson, an Anglican Church minister, and his wife, Janet, were dining with Jennifer and myself when the subject of "what are the children doing now"? came up. Douglas then told us that he had just returned from visiting his daughter, Freedom, in Swaziland, where she was teaching in a village.

I asked him about life in the village and he replied that fresh water was an enormous problem as the nearest well was many kilometres away and the women and children were constantly trekking this road to get fresh water which was then used for many purposes before

being thrown out. As a result of over-use, the water became contaminated and diseases, such as cholera and dysentery, were quite prevalent.

I asked Douglas to have Freedomz obtain a couple of quotes for sinking a well at the village and she came back with two quotes and she recommended one operator. The proposed well would be sunk in the school yard, as this was an excellent community area and also the most secure location. A quote for \$2000 was selected and I put the proposition to the Board of the Glenferrie Club in early July 2002. The Board agreed to support the project and I gave the \$2000 cheque to Freedom's father to deposit into her bank account. The reason for this was that Swaziland females are not allowed to have their own bank accounts. Putting the money in her account meant that Freedom could travel to the nearest city where there was an ATM and withdraw cash for progressive payments.

Glenferrie received a "thank you" letter from the headmaster of the village school and Freedom later came to the Club and spoke of her time in Swaziland, showing photos of the well and other areas of the village. She also displayed some of the handcrafts made by the villagers.

Sew successful: 500 sewing machines shipped to East Timor

From time to time a club service project comes along which strikes a chord with a much broader range of people than usual and, as a result, gains far greater momentum and support than at first anticipated. One such event for the Rotary Club of Glenferrie was the sewing machines for East Timor project, undertaken in the 2000-01 year. What started out as a relatively modest plan ultimately resulted in more than 500 second-hand sewing machines and substantial quantities of fabric and haberdashery being collected from addresses across Melbourne and Geelong for shipment to Dili.



Sewing machine mechanics at work, from left, John Lowe, Les Linke and Tom Roche

The project benefited strongly from a willingness among Melburnians to contribute in a practical way to the economic and social recovery of East Timor following its achievement of independence and also to the fact that numerous families in Melbourne had perfectly good sewing machines being stored in spare rooms and cupboards which they were pleased to see being put to good use again.

The origins of the project were from two sources. One was the decision of the Glenferrie Club's International Service Committee, led by Jill Groom, to do something to assist the people of East Timor. The other was a meeting attended by Club member and member of the District 9800 East Timor Committee, Jo Buchanan, at which she heard Dr Jose Ramos Horta, a leading advocate for East Timorese people, and Dr Juan Federer, of Timor Aid, discussing the need to assist the women of East Timor in establishing their own small businesses and cottage industries as a means of generating income. They noted that women particularly expressed a need for sewing machines for family and community purposes. Jo Buchanan believed that there would be many unused sewing machines in households around Melbourne that

families would happily donate to a worthwhile cause. Glenferrie board members agreed to adopt the proposal and detailed planning began.



Packing materials to accompany sewing machines for East Timor are Tak Yukawa (left) and Alex Buchanan

Work was started by a Club steering committee comprising Jill Groom (chair), Michael Berry, Alex Buchanan, Jo Buchanan, Paul Gregory, Don Moore, Cheryl Pisterman, Thelma Wright and Tak Yukawa. Subsequently, Jo Buchanan took over chairmanship of the committee and, as the project progressed, most members of the Glenferrie Club also gave their time in some way, particularly in relation to the collection of machines and packing them for shipment. It is noteworthy that this broad-based involvement of members gave the Club an unusually strong sense of ownership of the project.

Topics which had to be addressed by the steering committee included publicity and advertising for the project; collection of donated machines; servicing, repair and packaging of machines; identification of secure storage and work space; funding for distribution of machines in East Timor.

Volunteers and assistance also came willingly from multiple sources outside the Club. This included help with machine collection by Rotarians from Hawthorn, Carlton, West Footscray and Geelong clubs. Donations of goods and services were made by Castrol, Birch Haberdashery, Singer, Blopak, Plasdene Glass-pak, Auburn Office Supplies, Australand Developers, Advance Cartons and Rotary District 9800 Donations In Kind (DIK) East Timor representative, Bill Dagg. Free publicity received from Leader Newspapers, 3AW, ABC News and Inner East News was critical in gaining widespread public support

for machine donations, while other valuable assistance was provided by Darebin, Yarra and Whitehorse City Councils, Box Hill TAFE Institute, Unifem and Rotary District 9800 East Timor Committee.

Working in ex-Army barracks in North Brighton, five former sewing machine service mechanics or experts - John Lowe, Les Linke, Tom Roche, Stan Gore and Bruce Rogerson - provided outstanding support when they gave their time and skills over a period of weeks to service all of the machines received and make repairs when necessary and possible from the spare parts available. Like Les Linke, all were retired but glad to be involved. Les probably spoke for the whole group when said: 'I never thought I'd be doing this sort of work again, but it's a real thrill to be able to do something for people in need'. The group's repair work covered plain sewing machines, both electric and treadle operated, over-lockers, buttonholers, button sewers, hemmers, cover-stitchers and chainstitchers, some domestic and some industrial.

Another stalwart supporter of the collection, repair and packing phase was Club member Bruce Gough who attended the Brighton depot most days, used his truck to collect the larger industrial sewing machines, arranged equipment for packing and often collected the mechanics for the day's work. DIK leader, Bill Dagg, also put a huge amount of time into the project.

In East Timor, the machines and materials were distributed from two shipping containers with the assistance of the newly-formed Provisional Rotary Club of Dili working through five agencies Timor Aid (a UN agency), IKFET Training Centre (a registered nongovernment organization), Baucau District, The Leeuwin Group (a Catholic youth commission), and Santa Maria Mazzarello Girls Vocational College.

In due course, the Rotary Club of Glenferrie received acknowledgement of the arrival of the machines. Andrew Leith, on behalf of the Provisional Rotary Club of Dili, noting arrival of a container with 336 sewing machines, machine tables and boxes of patterns and materials, wrote:

The feedback from those organizations which were picking up and distributing the donations was very positive as the donations will bring employment and a direction for many individuals and women's

organizations throughout the country. The next step is to find generators for the more remote areas where the sewing machines were distributed so that they can use them on continual basis rather than for just a couple of hours per day. The manual machines in particular were very well received. The smiles on the faces of the nuns and other Timorese people picking up the machines I think made all your efforts worthwhile.

Eddie De Pina, spokesman for Leeuwin Care in Dili wrote:

Thank you for sending the sewing machines and material. We have distributed them to the women of Ainaro, Aileu, Ermera, Manatou and Oeccusi and they are very thankful for your generous donation. Your donation has led us to rebuild a small house in Dili which now acts as a centre for clothing manufacture. The women running this centre are all local East Timorese and have since been able to sell some of these clothes in the markets of Dili. With the money that they have generated they have been able to maintain the machines, buy more materials as well as sponsor a few orphans in Bairo Pite. They now also have the ability to clothe their families.

Maria do Ceu Federer, CEO of Timor Aid, noted that some industrial/ domestic sewing machines would be used to set up a Sewing Training School in Dili, while other domestic machines were distributed to women's groups in outer districts - four to Manufahi for a co-operative of 23 women, two to Cove Lima for a group of eight widows and four to women's groups in Oeccusi. Elwyn Taylor reported that the majority of the machines allocated to IKFET went to Becora Secondary School for training. Others went to widows to support their family and to the IKFET training centre in Bemori.

The estimated value of the machines collected in this project was about \$60,000. The cost of repairing, packing and shipping them was about \$8000, these funds coming principally from Rotary Foundation and the Rotary clubs of Doncaster, Kew, Balwyn, Eltham and Glenferrie.



Neville Nicholls at work in Manono, Western Samoa, in September 1995. . Neville was a member of a FAIM team whose task was to strengthen two schools to help make them cyclone proof

International House

International House, affiliated with the University of Melbourne, was established in the late 1950s with the support of many groups and especially Rotary clubs in the area. The Rotary organization saw that its goals, particularly its attempts to build goodwill and understanding between nations, could be assisted by the creation of a residential college for university students from Australia and other countries. This concept has been an outstanding success and International House now has an equal number of students from Australia and overseas.

Rotary has maintained its involvement with the college which, in recent years, has been the venue for many District 9800 meetings and activities. Like numerous other clubs in the district, members of Glenferrie have made visits to International House for special dinners and for Café Internationale, the annual student fund raising dinner. Glenferrie has also supported the college financially through donations to the scholarship fund and the library fund. For much of the 1990s, Club member Norm Fary was the District 9800 Rotary representative on the council of International House and worked to increase Rotarians' awareness of its activities.

Rotary International programs

Glenferrie has given support to numerous programs of Rotary International or District 9800. Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC), for example, is a program that seeks to help severely handicapped children from underdeveloped countries by bringing them to Australia for medical treatment not otherwise available to them. This program has been supported by the Club on

various occasions as has the Rotary Bone Marrow Research Centre. Financial support has also been given to Interplast Australia, a joint venture between District 9800 and the Royal Australian College of Surgeons, which provides expertise in plastic and reconstructive surgery, through volunteer teams of surgeons and nurses going to the South Pacific and South East Asia.

Sometimes it has been people with practical skills and training who have provided international service, working as volunteers with local people in developing countries on such projects as the rebuilding of villages or the construction of hospitals, schools or orphanages. In 1990 Jack Balloch and Linsey Flint contributed to a Fourth Avenue in Motion (FAIM) building project in Papua New Guinea, while Neville Nicholls joined a FAIM team in 1995 working for two weeks on Manono Island, Western Samoa, to strengthen a school building against cyclone damage. Neville has also participated in International Fellowship programs, both in Australia and overseas, as has Ted King.



Paul Gregory and the Rotary centenary celebration silver dollar

Glenferrie celebrates 100 years of Rotary with a silver dollar

At the suggestion of Club member Paul Gregory for a special project for the Rotary centenary year in 2005, The Perth Mint and the Rotary Club of Glenferrie worked together to plan, design and release a "Centenary Silver Coin", authorised and approved by the Australian Treasury and Rotary International. One hundred thousand one dollar coins were minted in Perth

from 1 ounce of 99.9% pure silver and a number were specially prepared for Rotarians in an attractive Rotary surround enabling permanent display on a desk top or mantel piece.

In addition to royalties to Rotary International of approximately \$4 per coin sold, coins in the Rotary presentation pack sold through

Rotary clubs have resulted in additional profits for Rotary activities. Coins were marketed directly through the regular world-wide coin collecting list of the Perth Mint, through Rotary clubs worldwide and at the 2005 Rotary International annual convention in Chicago.

Alice Springs and Dili in training link

The idea that some of the technologies developed by the Centre for Appropriate Technologies (CAT) in Alice Springs might be relevant to the Dili Institute of Technology (DIT) in East Timor was suggested by Club member Paul Gregory early in 2005. CAT is a national indigenous science and technology organisation which has developed an innovative approach to problem solving for remote communities. It was felt that Glenferrie Club could facilitate and fund a visit of DIT personnel to spend time at CAT in order to observe programs and exchange ideas with staff. A meeting was held with Dr Bruce Walker, the Director of CAT, to float this idea to him and he was very enthusiastic. Later we were fortunate to meet with Dr Joao Freitas, the Director of DIT, while he was in Melbourne and discussed our idea with him. He too was keen to proceed further.

Approval for the visit was obtained from the CAT and DIT Boards and the dates were set for 15 to 21 May 2005. All travel and accommodation arrangements were organised after many emails, phone calls and faxes between parties. They spent a busy week in Alice Springs and were most impressed by all they did. Dr Joao Freitas has written to thank Glenferrie for sponsoring the trip and is very excited with the outcomes. Estanislau Saldanha is keen for DIT to gain further access to CAT to follow through on:

- Technical training for DIT staff in renewable energy systems
- • Training in automotive skills
- Training in metal fabrication, especially for the production of toilet systems, which are almost entirely absent in rural East Timor.

Dialogue is continuing between DIT and CAT staff to further develop the relationship between the two organisations and it is felt that future collaboration will be mutually beneficial.

Foundation

The origin of The Rotary Foundation is attributed to the sixth Rotary world president, Arch Klumph, who in 1917 proposed the creation of an "endowment fund for Rotary for the purpose of doing good in the world in charitable, educational and other avenues of community service". In 1928, by which time the fund had grown to US\$5000, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. On the death of Rotary founder, Paul Harris, in 1947, member donations to the fund made in his honour totalled US\$2 million, and this enabled the Foundation to launch the first program of its own, the graduate fellowships.

Working with Rotary Foundation

A financial powerhouse for international projects

While a large proportion of the money raised by many Rotary clubs, including Glenferrie, is spent on implementing local projects, a significant amount is also channelled towards international projects through contributions made to The Rotary Foundation on an annual basis. This Foundation is in fact the financial powerhouse behind many broad based projects, particularly those undertaken in less developed countries.

Today, Rotary Foundation's annual programs are divided into two main categories — educational and humanitarian. The Rotary Club of Glenferrie has had firsthand experience in two of the education programs - Group Study Exchange (GSE) and Ambassadorial Scholarships. The GSE program involves a cultural and vocational exchange over four to six weeks by a group of about five people visiting a District in another country. The Glenferrie Club has hosted dinner functions on a number of occasions for visiting groups and it

was partly responsible for the late Campbell McComas becoming a life-long supporter of Rotary when it successfully nominated him to join a GSE team visit to the United Kingdom in 1982. Other Foundation education programs are Rotary Grants for University Teachers and the Rotary World Peace Scholarship.



Campbell McComas (right), Glenferrie sponsored Group Study Exchange team member who visited the United Kingdom in 1982, addresses a Club meeting while president Louis Cohen looks on

Best known of the humanitarian programs of Rotary Foundation are the Matching Grants Programs, and the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants Program, which in 1980 funded a mass immunization campaign against poliomyelitis in the Philippines. Later this task became known as the PolioPlus program, when a commitment was made to immunize all of the world's children against polio, working in partnership with other non-government agencies and national governments. Rotary is the largest private sector contributor to this global campaign to eradicate polio, in which more than one billion

children have now been immunized. Rotary's contributions to this activity to date total approximately US\$500 million.

Rotary Club of Glenferrie members provide ongoing support to Foundation through direct annual giving based on Club membership numbers and, more recently, through the Centurion program, in which members are asked to personally donate \$100 or more a year to the Foundation. Glenferrie members have also identified closely with the work of the Foundation through their direct participation in Foundation programs or as a result of support received from Foundation funds. Examples of grant support received include contributions towards the establishment of the Boroondara Family Network in 1999 and towards implementation of the Sewing Machines for East Timor project in 2001.

Ambassadorial scholarships that change lives

Ambassadorial scholarships enable students to study outside their own country. Recipients are expected to undertake academic studies, usually at post-graduate level, and to act as ambassadors for Rotary to advance its goal of international understanding, peace and goodwill. The scholarship provides for a grant of up to US\$20,000, which may be spread over two years in some circumstances. Funding comes from the Rotary Foundation Education program, with administration carried out at District level.

Glenferrie past president, Alex Buchanan, credits his lifetime involvement with Rotary to his time spent as an ambassadorial scholar at Iowa State University in 1959-60. Alex was nominated by the Rotary Club of Korumburra (Vic) and represented the then District 282. The scholarship enabled him to complete a Master of Science degree, specializing in bacteriology and agricultural economics. The degree meant that he could join the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation on his return to Australia and it was a major influence on his whole professional career.

The Rotary Club of Glenferrie has provided hosting for several ambassadorial scholars who have chosen Melbourne for their further studies. This generally means a designated member providing support and local knowledge at times of need, making sure accommodation is

satisfactory and providing a connection with Rotary at the local and district level.



Stephanie Holcombe

Stephanie Holcombe, an ambassadorial scholar from Columbus, Mississippi, in the United States of America and studying at Melbourne University in 2005 and 2006, has provided a useful insight into the program in the following letter. She writes:

My connection with Glenferrie Rotary, while relatively short, feels like a long directed journey to this point. It all began 4 years ago, when I initially uncovered this fantastic opportunity of the Ambassadorial Scholarship. I was quite naïve to the whole process and even to Rotary itself so there was a steep learning curve as I familiarized myself with the organization and its values,

purpose and mission. It was nice to find an entity that exemplified such beliefs I hold myself and to have such a solid history that proves their commitment. I knew Rotary would be something I would like to know more about - and for the next 2 years, I went through two application processes to finally win a scholarship position within 1711/ District 6820 front Mississippi.

I have only been in Melbourne with the Glenferrie Club for 5 weeks now. Paul Gregory and his wife, Connie, my host counsellors, have been absolutely fantastic in helping me to acclimatise to Melbourne and Australia. From helping me to set up bank accounts to finding a place to live, I don't know what I would have done without them! I am very excited about studying at the School of Population Studies in the Master's of Social Health - Medical Anthropology course at Melbourne University. The University is fantastic and my centre is wonderful; I am thrilled to have the opportunity to study in an Institution such as this. Completing this study will enable me to hopefully catapult myself into the world of healthcare on a global level.

Although I operate very much as other exchange students do, I feel as if I am notably different than the rest because I am here with Rotary. The Ambassadorial aspects of this scholarship are ever present in my thinking, whether it is in intentional communication to share the aim of Rotary or forming friendships through peers in class. The greater goal of this program is to have interactions with people of the world in the interest of building friendships, creating bonds, and ultimately having cultural understanding, simply through experiencing relationships built on mutual respect and cultural understanding. I hope to express this in many ways over the course of my time here, through involvement with Glenferrie, District 9800 and friendships I influence along the way.

I feel privileged to be a part of this program, to share in its function and to ultimately make this world a better place.

Community Service

The Rotary Club of Glenferrie began its community service work from its inception, its first project being a fund raising effort together with its parent club to purchase a community bus for the City of Hawthorn. Since then, a vast array of local community projects have been supported, sometimes through donation of money, sometimes through donation of goods and sometimes through volunteering of labour. Broadly, programs that have been supported can be separated into categories, including community health, community social support and environment awareness programs.

Over the years, the Club has donated to numerous community causes, the choice of cause depending on the preferences of the board members and president of any particular year. As a result, the list of recipients has constantly changed. Some examples of organisations or projects supported in this way have been The Association for the Blind, Olympics for the Disabled, the Royal Children's Hospital, Fairlea Nursery, the Diabetes Caravan, the Life Education Caravan and the Hayes Paddock Children's Playground. One particularly satisfying project was the donation of wheel chairs to two disabled people identified by the Hawthorn City Council in the year in which John Suriano was Club president. Club members have also regularly donated their time to assist in door-knock programs for The Salvation Army, Red Cross and the Hawthorn Community Chest. Time and labour has also been given on other occasions, such as when supporting a Rotary District 9800 project known as 'Paint Your Heart Out', in which members painted the exterior of a pensioner's house, or when helping at the Variety Club's annual Christmas party for disabled and handicapped children. Whenever possible, an underlying policy towards Club community service projects has been to support local causes as much as possible.

The Boroondara Family Network: A support service for parents with newborn babies and very young children

While many of the Club's community support programs have been completed within a particular year, some have been undertaken with an anticipation of the need for longer term support. The Boroondara Family Network (BFN) has been a project of this type.

Work towards the establishment of the Family Network, within the City of Boroondara, began in 1998 while Alex Buchanan was Club president. This initiative was modelled on a Rotary sponsored project operating in Sydney known as "Hope for the Children". In simple terms, the objective of the scheme was to provide support for mothers with newborn babies or very young children where a high level of stress was evident through family circumstances. It was hoped that assistance could be provided by matching the family with an experienced mother who, as a volunteer making home visits on a regular basis, could give appropriate support and helpful advice. Implementation of the plan required recruitment and training of a team of volunteer counsellors using the services of a qualified professional co-ordinator. A major challenge for the Rotary Club of Glenferrie was to raise the funds needed to employ the coordinator.

Background documentation during the start-up phase acknowledged that modern families are increasingly stressed, with difficulties in child-rearing and social isolation being major stress factors. A large number of new mothers are overwhelmed by the parenting experience, as indicated by the 30% who suffer post-natal depression, about a quarter of whom are still depressed when their babies are four years old. It was noted that children growing up in stressed family situations were more likely to suffer from illness, accident and injuries, more likely to require hospitalization and more likely to develop learning disabilities. A further range of behavioural problems could be expected to occur later in life.

During 1998-99 Glenferrie set up an independent committee, under the chairmanship of past District 9800 Governor, Jeffrey Bird, to

manage the establishment and operation of the project. A major step towards achievement of this objective was made when a grant application submitted by the Club to Rotary Foundation for a Children's Opportunities Grant was successful. This provided A\$15,800 and was enough to ensure that the project could begin operation. Two more successful grant applications to charitable funds - the Boroondara City Council Community Development Fund and the Hawthorn Community Chest — brought the total of grant funds to A\$22,000 and made the project's future more secure.

The BFN Management Committee, with then Club member Jo Buchanan as secretary, appointed Mrs Dianne Sides in 2000 to manage the provision of Network services to the Boroondara community. After setting up an office with the help of Camcare, initially in Camberwell and now in Ashburton, Dianne's first tasks were to make the service known by visiting the 11 maternity hospitals and 14 Maternity and Child Health Centres in the municipality and then begin recruiting and training volunteer counsellors. The first clients were accepted by the service in June 2000, and typical client families had little or no support from family or friends, perhaps because of relocation, or they were stressed by having to support older members of the family. Quite often the mothers only needed someone to tell them that they were doing a good job and would come through the early period of child rearing successfully.

In its first five years of operation, the BFN has helped over 200 families and nearly 400 children. Currently there are 23 volunteer counsellors. The most common reasons for family referral to the Network have been postnatal depression, isolation, multiple births, maternal illness and special needs children. One of the mothers assisted by the BFN expressed her thanks as follows: 'Thank you so much for the valuable support from (my volunteer). She was extremely helpful during a time that I found myself overwhelmed by the demands of a newborn plus the emotional stress of dealing with a different life. The service is fantastic'.

From the outset, the Rotary Club of Glenferrie has provided significant and ongoing financial support for this project. Further valuable support has come from several other Rotary clubs in the

Boroondara district, including Balwyn, Boroondara, Camberwell, Canterbury, Hawthorn and North Balwyn.

Probus – A meeting place for retirees

Probus clubs, two of which have been initiated by the Rotary Club of Glenferrie, were introduced to Australia in 1976 by the Rotary Club of Hunters Hill (NSW). The Probus concept originated in the United Kingdom in 1956, aiming to provide a social outlet for retired business and professional people, the name being an amalgam of the words PROfessional and BUSIness. Clubs are for men or women or mixed and they generally meet once a month for a formal meeting, guest speaker and fellowship. They are non-political, non-sectarian, non-profit and non-fundraising.

Since the arrival of Probus in Australia growth of interest in the concept has been outstanding. Probus now has 140,000 members in 1,735 clubs throughout Australia and there are 50,000 members in 450 clubs in New Zealand. In recent times, an average of 50 new clubs have been chartered each year and most clubs have waiting lists for membership.

The Probus Club of Glenferrie was the first to be founded by the Rotary Club of Glenferrie. Started in 1990, it was an initiative of Club member, John Taylor and took two years to develop. Its first meetings were held at the West Hawthorn Uniting Church, Power Street, Hawthorn, before moving to Manresa Function Centre in Hawthorn, then to Grace Park Tennis Club in Hawthorn and most recently to Kew Heights Sports Club. Glenferrie Probus is a men's club, with a membership of about 80 people.

The formal move by Glenferrie towards the formation of a second Probus club, the Combined Probus Club of Auburn (Vic), began in September 2003 when Glenferrie Rotary members, Paul Gregory and David Sutherland, called a meeting to assess support. A decision was made to proceed and on 29 March 2004 at Kew Heights Sports Club a committee was formed, with Ann Rusden as president. Membership of the group, open to both men and women, has increased steadily from 36 at the inaugural meeting to more than 100 at the present time.

Glenferrie Station plants: Take a little time and just add water



Glenferrie 'stationeers' (standing) John Suriano, Vicrail staff, Neville Nicholls, (seated) John Wischer, Lindsey Flint and Sheldon Cohen

In 1994 Glenferrie members took on the task of maintaining garden tubs on the Glenferrie Railway Station. This was done at the suggestion of Club member, John Wischer, then a regular commuter from Glenferrie to the City, who saw that tubs on the station were badly neglected by Met Rail, making them an eyesore rather than an attraction. Apparently it wasn't anyone's job to give the plants a drink. Approximately 5000 people use this station every day.

Discussion with the Met Rail line manager indicated that a volunteer watering roster would be welcome. Similar plaque from Vicrail acknowledging their the volunteer arrangements

in fact work in watering garden tubs on operated at a number of rail Glenferrie Railway Station. stations in the metropolitan area under a 'Keep Australia Beautiful' program

The project has involved Glenferrie members carrying out a weekly watering roster, with occasional attention to the plants and the tubs. Experience has shown that plants need to be tough to survive the harsh environment of an exposed asphalt platform and many young students looking for somewhere to sit while they wait for a train. Floribunda roses have met this challenge well. Continued support for the task has been based on the view that although the metropolitan railway system is privately operated, the land and buildings continue to be a State

owned community facility. By giving their support, Glenferrie members help in a small way to ensure that the station presents a friendly face to its users.

Camp Getaway: A youth camp for the new millennium

In 1999, Glenferrie joined with other clubs in District 9800 to support the rebuilding of a campsite for youth activities at Axedale, near Bendigo (Vic). In addition to serving the needs of able-bodied people, this camp now also provides accommodation for people with special needs and their carers, enabling them to enjoy camp based recreation and outdoor pursuits, including fishing, riverside viewing and sensory garden activities. Glenferrie donated \$2,500 towards the project in 1999-2000 and a further \$1,000 the following year.



Glenferrie Rotarians join in tree planting at Millennium Park, the site of the Rotary District 9800 Camp Getaway. From left (standing) are Ken Scott, Cheryl Pisterman, Ian Long, (kneeling) Terry Rolleston and John Morrison

New Generation activities

The Rotary Club of Glenferrie has embraced a range of programs aimed at supporting the youth of the community, one of the earliest activities being its involvement in the Youth Exchange program, both offshore and onshore. Other schemes supported have included the Rotary Youth Leadership Award, a week-long camp aimed at developing personal values, teamwork and leadership qualities; the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment, delivered a weekend camp aimed at building self-confidence and self-esteem; the National Youth Science Forum which provides a solid briefing for Year 12 students



Christina Olsen, Glenferrie youth exchange student from Denmark dressed in jockey's silks at Melbourne Cup night

considering a career in science and the Model United Nations Assembly, which aims to provide an understanding of the United Nations organisation and its influence on matters of world political and social concern. These programs have been organized at District level, with an ever-present opportunity for Glenferrie to join in where it can. Additionally, some of the Club's youth support activity has been as a result of its own initiative, particularly in relation to its work with Swinburne Senior Secondary College and Swinburne University of Technology.

Youth exchange

Exchange visits promote knowledge of other cultures

The objective of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, with which Glenferrie Rotary Club has been involved since the late 1970s, is to promote international goodwill, peace and understanding. Throughout its life, the Club has hosted exchange students from many countries and selected many Australian students to travel overseas. These people, aged approximately 16 years, spend nearly 12 months in another country where they attend school, usually learn a foreign language, experience a different culture, travel and develop independence.



Students are hosted and entertained by Rotary families, involved in Rotary activities and meet other exchange students from all over the world, which leads to greater understanding of many different ways of living. The friendships formed are often life-long and members of the Club have visited past students in their home

countries and even attended their weddings.

exchange students, Sayaka Shindo, In 1979 Paula Dunn was from Sapporo, Japan, 2004-05, and selected as the Club's first

Hugh Crothers, from Melbourne, who

spent 2004 in Sapporo outgoing exchange student to spend 12 months in Bombay. In the same year, Barbara Jean Thompson visited from Hampton Bays, New York, and provided the Club with a crash course in handling free spirited Rotary exchange students. Over the following years, other countries with which Glenferrie has exchanged students have included Japan, South Africa, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Canada, Brazil, the United Kingdom and Thailand. Club members have been enriched by sharing time with these young people and learning more about their countries and view of the world. The

students themselves often describe their year away as the most rewarding year of their lives.

A major factor in successful implementation of the exchange has been the arrangement of a school for the visitor to attend. Glenferrie has been fortunate to have had the support of several local schools in this regard, particularly from Carey Grammar, Camberwell Girls Grammar and Trinity Grammar.

Developing youth leadership

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) program, managed by a District 9800 committee, provides a one-week leadership training course to assist young persons currently engaged in some aspect of youth work. The program exposes participants to challenges and the opportunity for development of the leadership skills while recognizing their service to the community. The Rotary Club of Glenferrie has been a regular supporter of this program, through sponsorship of participants in a number of years, through work by several Club members serving on the District organising committee, and by serving as host Club for the week-long camp on two occasions.

The following extract from a report written by Club member Carolyn Fraser following her attendance at a camp dinner meeting in 2002 describes the atmosphere she experienced.

'I am so pleased I went. It was an experience not to be missed. My first and last impressions were the same — a row of happy, smiling faces. In between, the atmosphere was friendly and welcoming. It was as though everyone at the camp was part of a conspiracy - to share, to enjoy, to respect and to value everyone else. These young people were easy to talk with, interested and committed to an experience they valued and had not anticipated could be so good. I don't know how the Rylarians create such an atmosphere, but whatever they do — it works'.

Forum promotes careers in science

In January each year, the Rotary Club of Ginninderra and the clubs of Rotary District 9710 conduct the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) in Canberra (ACT). The object of the forum is to promote the idea of a career in a field of science to students entering Year 12 who have the ability and interest to study science at a tertiary level. At the

forum students visit a range of science based institutions around Canberra over a period of two weeks, attend lectures from leading scientists and talk to research scientists and post graduate students. Glenferrie has sponsored numerous students to attend this forum.

The experience naturally varies with each individual, but the following two participant reports provide an insight. ... 'I came to the NYSF knowing exactly what I wanted to be', said Jessica Smith in 2000, 'by mid-week I had no idea and by the end of the second week I had reaffirmed my original aspirations, ...being much clearer on how to go about it, but twice as enthusiastic and twice as confident of my ability to succeed. For this I have to thank Rotary; for selecting me, providing the finance and for their contribution to the organization of the forum itself'. Penny Hey, in 2005 wrote ... 'I was really privileged to attend the National Youth Science Forum. Unforgettable life-changing experiences were had, new future pathways were opened and lifelong friends were made'.

The Swinburne connection

Since the start of its life, the Rotary Club of Glenferrie has had a natural connection with two of the State education units operating in the Glenferrie precinct - Swinburne Senior Secondary College (SSSC) and Swinburne University of Technology. One reason for this connection was the fact that Dr Roy Longworth, charter Club member and Club president in 1979-80, was Director of the then Swinburne College of Technology. But successive Club administrations have worked to maintain the association in different ways, sometimes in relation to vocational advancement of students and sometimes to provide social support.

On several occasions Club members have conducted practice job interviews with Year 12 students from SSSC as part of its vocational service activity; on several occasions students from SSSC have been sponsored to attend Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) weekend camps at Heathcote (Vic), which aim to help participants in developing their own values and moral standards. Early in the life of the Club it became a contributor, together with the Rotary Clubs of Balwyn, Camberwell, Hawthorn, Kew and North Balwyn, to set up the

Rotary Swinburne Bursary Fund. Interest generated from capital in this fund was used by the Swinburne University welfare department to alleviate special cases of unforeseen student hardship.

In 2003, on the initiative of Club president Geoff Hopper, Glenferrie Rotary Club decided to further develop its working relationship with both Swinburne University of Technology and SSSC. Swinburne University was approached with the offer of a scholarship, to be known as the Glenferrie Rotary Club Equity Merit Study Grant valued at \$3,000. At the same time, the Club offered \$2,000 to SSSC to assist financially needy students as determined by the College.

The Equity Merit Study Grant award is open to an Australian citizen who is a first-year undergraduate student from a rural community with a demonstrated financial need and who plans to study at Swinburne's Hawthorn campus but may not be able to do so without the scholarship, especially in Melbourne. The funds are designated for study-related costs including relocation, accommodation, books, equipment and fees and the scholarship is presented each year at Swinburne University's Scholarship Ceremony at the start of the academic year. Recipients are expected to participate in activities at Glenferrie Rotary Club from time to time and to report back to the Club on their academic success at the University. In return for this award, Glenferrie Rotary has been given access to facilities at Swinburne, such as lecture theatres or tutorial rooms.

With the funds made available to the Secondary College, two scholarships valued at \$500 each are presented to financially disadvantaged students who live independently, that is, they live with other young people rather than with their own families. The remaining \$1,000 is distributed on a needs basis to deserving students by the College's Student Welfare Co-ordinator. In 2004 these funds enabled two students to successfully complete their VCE year and apply for tertiary study places, while others were helped with such things as daily travel, textbooks and school camps.

Both the above initiatives at Swinburne University and SSSC have led to a considerably closer relationship between Glenferrie Rotary Club and these two institutions for the mutual benefit of all three parties.

Vocational Service

Vocational service is a basic element of the Rotary organisation. Rotary founder, Paul Harris, noted that of all the ways in which people can make themselves useful to society, the most available and often the most effective are within the spheres of their own occupation. Looking outwardly, Glenferrie Rotarians have sought to provide vocational service to the community in various ways. For example, involvement in the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme over several years in the mid-1990s provided an excellent opportunity for members to use their vocational skills in mentoring new business ventures; on numerous occasions club members have gone as a team to conduct practice job interviews for senior students at a local school; some club members have been able to provide work experience opportunities for senior secondary students. Looking inwardly, club members have benefited from listening to a range of guest speakers who have discussed topics of business interest.

New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS):

In 1995, Glenferrie Rotary Club members took up the opportunity to act as mentors in a Federal Government funded scheme which aimed to train and assist people who were unemployed and looking for work. This was called the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS). The plan was that selected applicants would receive professional training over a period of eight weeks in the establishment and management of a small business. Once training was successfully completed, the applicant would then start on his or her business venture while receiving government income support for a period of 12 months. Rotary club members were assigned to provide a one-to-one business mentoring service for the start-up year, for which the Club received a small fee.

The NEIS program was administered by the Commonwealth Department of Employment, Education and Training (DEET) and

managed under contract on a regional basis by various training agencies. Applicants mentored by Glenferrie members received their training initially from -me Syme Centre for Enterprise Development, a unit of Monash University later privatised to form One Plus One International, a business development and training company.

Given the diversity of vocational background to be found among the members of most Rotary Clubs, it was not generally difficult to match the business interests of a Glenferrie Rotary mentor with the proposed business activity of the NEIS applicant.

The mentoring role required members to act as a counsellor to each participant on a regular basis, usually through meeting together once a month. Many issues were discussed in these meetings, perhaps the most common being the problem of advertising or promoting a small new business with access to a very limited budget.

A significant number of Glenferrie Rotarians took on the job of mentoring, with some acting for several participants at one time.

Mentoring earned the Club \$75 per person per quarter, or \$300 per year, and for a short time this activity was a major source of Club service funds, amounting to \$10,000 in 1995-96 and \$7500 in the following year. Unfortunately, the work ended in 2000 when the agency supported by Glenferrie lost the contract for training to another group. However, on-going contact with a participant has been maintained in at least one instance, where a person involved in the building industry continued as a client of Geoff Wood's accounting practice.

Career orientation

On various occasions in its history, Glenferrie Club members have helped to focus local students on the working world ahead of them. One way that this has been done has been to have a team of members conduct practice job interviews for senior students towards the end of the school year. These visits have been made to Swinburne Senior Secondary College and Hawthorn Secondary College.

In 1995 the Club organized a career seminar at William Angliss Institute for Year 12 students considering a career in the food, tourism

and hospitality industry. More recently, Glenferrie has been able to arrange a week of work experience for students from Rochester Secondary College (Vic), a country school 170km north of Melbourne. In 2002, a group of 6 students from this school attended the work site of various Club members around Melbourne, giving them the opportunity not only to experience the work environment but also to use their own initiative in finding their way around a large city. A further 8 students undertook the same program in 2003, this time conducted in co-operation with the Rotary Club of North Balwyn. At the 2003 District 9800 Annual Conference, Club member Michael Berry received the District Vocation Service award for the project on behalf of Glenferrie.

Computers for seniors

Working in co-operation with Swinburne University of Technology, who provided a computer laboratory and two trainers, Glenferrie conducted a "Computers for Seniors" course in 2004. This course aimed to provide an introduction to the internet and email systems for senior members of the community, comprising four sessions of two hours each, and it gained a very positive response from participants.

What is our Rotary future?

The Rotary Club of Glenferrie can look back on 30 years of active and successful involvement in service to the community, whether local or international. Observers may ask what the future holds for a community group of this nature. The following are brief responses to this question by some experienced Rotarians.

Jack Cathie, honorary member: The future of Rotary is very rosy and it will get stronger and stronger. I say that even though we are all struggling to get members. An example of the strong future is this wonderful project we are just finishing up now with polio. You don't have to look far for something similar to that. You've got the AIDS problem, literacy and malaria. That's three that come to my mind now. Malaria I think is about the second biggest killer of people in the world. So, there is plenty of scope to hop in and get these projects going. The struggle to get new members will pass and the time will come round when it is easier.

David Sutherland, member since 1976: I personally have been thrilled to see the way in which the Glenferrie Club has improved and flourished over the years, considering we nearly disbanded in the early 1980s. With its membership now around 45 to 50, the Club is able to achieve most projects on its own. Our project management is far more professional now and it has been good to see the baton change quite regularly. With our first lady president taking the chair in July 2006, I think that Glenferrie has now fully embraced the mixed membership philosophy which created some tensions in its early days when some members lost interest in the Rotary movement. Although I do not agree with all the new thinking in Rotary, I agree that the movement is bigger than the individual and Glenferrie will survive and grow substantially.

Jack Balloch, inaugural president: What other organization in the world could do around the world what Rotary does for the cost?

Jill Groom, member since 1998: I joined the Rotary Club of Glenferrie because I wanted to be involved in community service

under a well-organized umbrella. I was also impressed with the friendly atmosphere of the Club. I have enjoyed my involvement to date. As far as the future of the Club is concerned, we really need to entice some younger members, but given their work commitments and the older age of marriage and having families, I feel this is a real challenge.

Rotary Themes

Rotary International is often associated with the motto "Service above self", derived from the words "Service, not self", which were used at the Portland, USA, convention in 1911. This theme has broad appeal as the motto for a service organization. The idea of a different theme for each Rotary year was introduced in 1957. Before then, world presidents used a variety of catch phrases to focus activities of members of the organization during the year.

Rotary's wheel emblem



A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since the early days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver, who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization and Movement". Most of the early Rotary clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads.

In 1922 it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus in 1923 the

present gear wheel, with 24 cogs and six spokes, was adopted by the Rotary International Association. A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a keyway in the centre of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.

Appendix 1

Charter members - Rotary Club of Glenferrie

Chartered 24 November 1975

Classification

Rick Alston	Tyre retailing Vice-president
Jack Balloch	Toy manufacturing President
Greg Brown	Jewellery retailing
Ross Brunt	Interior designing
John Cochran	Hospitals, private
Louis Cohen	Textiles wholesaling
Ian Dobson	Men's clothing, retailing
Bruce Douglas	Architecture
David Fincham	Pipe organ building
Linsey Flint	Real estate agency
Frank Gastadello	Automobile engineering
Bruce Gough	Automobile retailing
Laurie Hopkins	Florist retailing
Ian Huxley	Youth hostels
Roy Jackson	Homes for the aged Secretary
Llewellyn Jones	Printing
Ron Langford	Electrical engineering
Ian Law	Funeral directing

Roy Longworth	Education, technical colleges, tertiary
Garry McIntyre	Packaging consulting
Laurie MacLennan	Libraries
Don Moore	Structural engineering consulting Treasurer
Bill Morton	News agency
John Pease	Senior active, formerly knitwear manufacturing
Barry Preston	Dentistry
Pete Rigiey	Youth activities directing
John Skerritt	Duplicating services
Bruce Tilley	Civil engineering
Ron Williams	Stock and share broking
Barrie Young	Law, General practice

Appendix 2

Club Presidents - Rotary Club Rotary International annual theme

1975-76	Jack Balloch	To dignify the human being
1976-77	Rick Alston	I believe in service
1977-78	John Skerritt	Serve to unite mankind
1978-79	Don Moore	Reach out
1979-80	Roy Longworth	Let service light the way
1980-81	Ken Scott	Take time to serve
1981-82	Louis Cohen	World understanding and peace through Rotary
1982-83	Llew Jones	Mankind is one. Build bridges of friendship throughout the world
1983-84	Bruce Gough	Share Rotary — serve people
1984-85	David Sutherland	Discover a new world of service
1985-86	Barry Young	You are the key
1986-87	Linsey Flint	Rotary brings hope
1987-88	Ian Dobson	Rotarians — united in service — dedicated to peace
1988-89	Norm Fary	Put life into Rotary— your life
1989-90	Graeme Hubbard	Enjoy Rotary

1990-91	John Suriano	Honor Rotary with faith and enthusiasm
1991-92	Rob Stewart	Look beyond yourself
1992-93	John Howcroft	Real happiness is helping others
1993-94	Rob Anderson	Believe in what you do. Do what you believe in
1994-95	Chris Phillipou	Be a friend
1995-96	Eldin Dixon	Act with integrity, serve with love, work for peace
1996-97	Neville Nicholls	Build the future with action and vision
1997-98	Alex Buchanan	Show Rotary cares
1998-99	John Wischer	Follow your Rotary dream
1999-20	Terry Rolleston	Act with consistency, credibility, continuity
2000-01	John Morrison	Create awareness, take action
2001-02	Don Moore	Mankind is our business
2002-03	Geoff Wood	Sow the seeds of love
2003-04	Geoff Hopper	Lend a hand
2004-05	John Hudson	Lets celebrate Rotary 100 years
2005-06	Trevor Mackey	Service above self

Appendix 3

Rotary Recognitions — Rotary Club of Glenferrie

Paul Harris Fellows

Rob Anderson	Llewellyn Jones
Jack Balloch	Trevor Mackey
Alex Buchanan	John Morrison
Louis Cohen	Neville Nicholls
Eldin Dixon	Robert Scarff
Ian Dobson	Ken Scott
Norm Fary	Dianne Sides
Chris Phillipou	Rob Stewart
Linsey Flint	Don Taylor

Paul Gregory
Geoff Hopper
John Howcroft
Graeme Hubbard

Malcolm Taylor
John Wischer
Geoff Wood
Barrie Young

Paul Harris One Star Sapphire

Bruce Gough
Don Moore
Cheryl Pisterman

Terry Rolleston
John Suriano
David Sutherland

Note: The Paul Harris Fellow citation states that it is presented in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world. Instigated in 1947 by the Rotary Foundation, the title was created to recognize people who made donations of US\$1000 to the Foundation fund. Additionally, in some Rotary traditions, including in Australia, Rotary clubs have made the donation on behalf of individual members in order to honour their service work. The Rotary Club of Glenferrie has adopted this practice.

As at 30 June 2005

Honorary

BALLOCH, John (Jack) CATHIE, Jack

Active

BARRY, Ross	MACKEY, Trevor
BERRY, Mike	MOORE, Don
BLAIR, David (Tony)	MORRISON, John
COHEN, Louis	NICHOLLS, Neville
COHEN, Sheldon (Shelly)	NUGENT, Paul
DOBSON, Ian	PARAMOR, John
FAIRY, Norm	PISTERMAN, Cheryl
FILLIPOU, Christos (Chris)	ROLLESTON, Terry
FRASER, Carolyn	SALEK, Ian
GOUGH, Stanley Bruce (Bruce)	SCOTT, Bob
GREGORY, Paul	SCOTT, Ken
GROOM, Jill	STEWART, Rob
HARVEST, Peter	SURIANO, John
HEATH, Don	SUTHERLAND, David
HOGAN, Robert	TAYLOR, Malcolm
HOHLWEG, Walter	WILLMOTT, Ian
HOPPER, Geoff	WILSON, Jane
HSIUNG, Debbie	WIMPOLE, Denis
HUDSON, John	WIMPOLE, Helena
JONES, Llew	WINSPEAR, Robert
KING, Edward (Ted)	WISCHER, John
LANGFORD, Newton	WOOD, Geoff
LORD, Andrew	YUKAWA, Takao (Tak)

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This is the story of a small group of people drawn from the middle-class eastern suburbs of Melbourne and their efforts to fulfil a common goal of providing service to the local and wider community as volunteers. Running parallel with this objective has been their desire to share and develop fellowship and friendship among themselves and their partners and colleagues. In doing all of this, they have sought to observe the basic guidelines of a Rotary International club.