

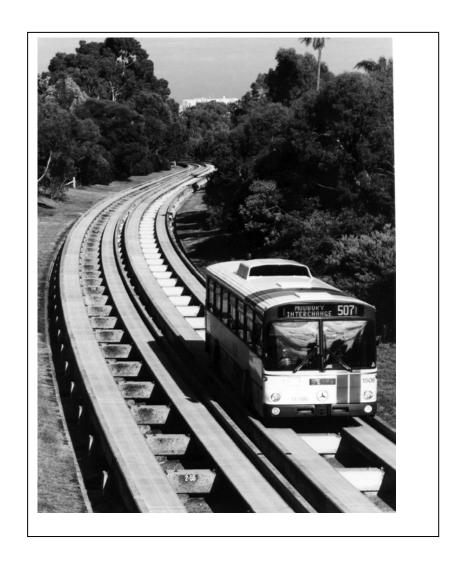
A History of the Rotary Club of Modbury 1982-2012

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the 1000th meeting of the Rotary Club of Modbury on Monday, 2nd February, 2004

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The O'Bahn busway system between the City of Adelaide and the Modbury Interchange at Tea Tree Plaza was commenced in 1982 and opened in 1989. Its development thus took place during the formative years of the Rotary Club of Modbury.

What was Happening in June 1982

- Governor-General was Sir Zelman Cowen
- Governor of South Australia was Sir Donald Dunstan
- Prime Minister was Malcolm Fraser
- Premier of South Australia was David Tonkin
- Carlton reigning VFL Premiers
- Port Adelaide reigning SA Premiers
- National Number 1 Singles Record Mickey Toni Basil.
- National Number 1 Album *Time And Tide Split Enz*
- Prince William, Duke of Cambridge was born on 21 June

Formation of the Rotary Club of Modbury

At a board meeting of the Rotary Club of Tea Tree Gully convened on 20th January, 1982 it was resolved that a new Rotary Club be formed in District 950 and that efforts be made to complete the formation of the new Club during the term of Bob Perryman's District Governorship.

John Simpson, who was subsequently to become the District Governor's representative, was elected as chairman of the extension committee and a comprehensive survey of local businesses was undertaken by members of the committee.

A nucleus of enthusiastic potential members was identified and an Interest Meeting was held at the Modbury Hotel on 13th April, 1982. At this meeting it was formally agreed that the Rotary Club of Modbury be formed. More than half of the inaugural members were nominated by Tea Tree Gully Rotarians John Tilley and Arthur Jeffries, John by using his local government contacts and Arthur by resource to former Apex colleagues.

The Charter Dinner was held at the Highbury Hotel on Saturday, 5th June, 1982 at which function President Otto Baumgartner and 24 members were inducted by District Governor Bob Perryman who also presented the Charter.

Because of the short period of time which had elapsed between the decision to form the club and its date of charter there had been some concerns as to whether the Charter would arrive in time. A contingency plan had been set up for the sponsor club charter to be available for substitute presentation if necessary.

Fortunately the Charter was received at the eleventh hour and the contingency plan was not required.

Charter Members at 5th June 1982

BAUMGARTNER, Otto Assurance/Insurance BROOK, Jeffrey CIAMPA, Joe **Battery Manufacturing** EDWARDS, John Soft Drink Marketing Auctioneering ELF, Ernie GALLAGHER, Val Social Services HILL. Graham Education, Primary

Land Broking HOUTERMANS, Albert Fire Protection JONES, John LEECH, Ray Real Estate LEIGH, David Architecture Metal Manufacturing McPHERSON, Bob PORTER, Jim **Carpet Contracting** RENDELL, Keith **Electronics**

Retailing

Additional Active, Food ROSS, Colin Retailing

SAUNDERS, Bill Capital Investment SCHUBERT, Ray Ceramics Engineer, Government SMALLEY, Mike TERLET, Michael **Defence Equipment** THOMAS, Gerry **Shopping Centre** TOMPKINS, Garth Lubricants, Wholesale WALTON, Brendon Food Retailing WEIGEL, Eric Locksmith

WILLIAMS, Graham **Electrical Manufacturing** WRIGHT, Malcolm Upholstery

> PRESIDENT: Otto Baumgartner VICE-PRESIDENT: **Gerry Thomas Graham Williams** SECRETARY: Val Gallagher TREASURER: **DIRECTORS:** John Edwards Ray Schubert

> > **Garth Tompkins**