

## District 9500

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**Final Meeting: #1643 was on Monday  
25 June 2018**

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*JULY 2018  
STARTS A NEW ROTARY YEAR AND THE  
END OF THE LIFE OF  
THE ROTARY CLUB OF MODBURY*

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## Note These Dates

### Club Diary Highlights

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| June 2018 | Fri. 29 | Bunnings Modbury BBQ |
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### Rotary and Group 6 Diary

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| June 2018 | Sat-Wed<br>23-27 | R.I. Conference<br>Toronto |
| July 2018 | Sun. 8           | DG's Changeover<br>Glenelg |

### BBQ Schedule for June 2018

| Month     | Date    | Location      |
|-----------|---------|---------------|
| June 2018 | Fri. 29 | Bunnings Mod. |

## Meeting #1642 – 18 June 2018

Six members present with guest Dean Bartley adding to the numbers for our penultimate meeting as the Rotary Club of Modbury.

To add to Lesley's sadness at the occasion she learned that the hotel had run out of English Breakfast tea so she switched to Earl Grey.



Lesley and Dean win the final two bottles of wine at Meeting #1642 . . . and now the cupboard is bare.

## Club Merger – Status

Proposed objectives and targets remain:

1. **New name of club:** Rotary Club of Modbury Golden Grove.
2. **Meeting times:** 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6.30 – 6.45 pm.
3. **Meeting Place:** Sfera's, 191 Reservoir Rd. Modbury 5092
4. **Annual Subs:** \$ 210.00
5. **Charter Date:** 1 July 2018
6. **Closing Date:** Modbury and Golden Grove clubs to cease on 30 June 2018
7. **First official Mtg.#1:** New Club will meet on Tuesday 10 July 2018
8. **Charter/Change Over:** 24 July 2018

Editor, in his role as R.C. Modbury historian, is working towards finalizing a History of the Rotary Club of Modbury in readiness for publication on or very soon after the 30th June 2018.

Page count to date is 127 and growing!

## Members' Reflections

All of our ten active members were invited to provide a brief personal presentation of their thoughts at this time when the club which they have served and supported for different periods of time is about to close after more than 36 years service to its community.

Their considered thoughts are provided on the following pages and make interesting reading.

The six members who have provided personal perspectives of their time and experiences in the Rotary Club of Modbury have between them contributed a total of 124 years service to the club and the community.

Worth reading.

As a relatively new Rotarian I look forward to the future.

I see Rotary as part of a big picture with an ethos as relevant now as it was over 100 years ago when it began. During that 100 years Rotary has had to change to meet the



changing needs of society and now it is our time to change.

In my short time with the club the work, the programs and support of people and groups by our club has been fantastic and that will not stop. The restructuring to integrate with Golden Grove is a sensible progression that will see the two clubs, united as one, continue to deliver their programs to the community from a stronger base.

We may not see as much of the Highlander Hotel which has been our venue for the 4 years I have been in the club, but the change and timing of meetings will be positive. It will make it easier for younger members of the community to join us and our clubs programs to have a long future.

I look forward to working with an enlarged fantastic like - minded community spirited group with many well known faces and I welcome the new ones.

**Rob Carthew (2013 – 2018)**

It is very rewarding to know two Charter Members that have stuck with the club through all the ups and downs. OK - well done!

It was a pleasure to have served as Club President.



Modbury RC is a very proud club and I've been honoured to have worked with all members, both current and past.

BBQ fund raising was a buzz!

It was with much pleasure and enjoyment that Modbury, motivated by Past President the late Ary Van Kleef, assisted people in Kakinada with the provision of clean drinking water and fishing nets. In my mind, nothing could be worse than not having clean drinking water or fresh food on the table.

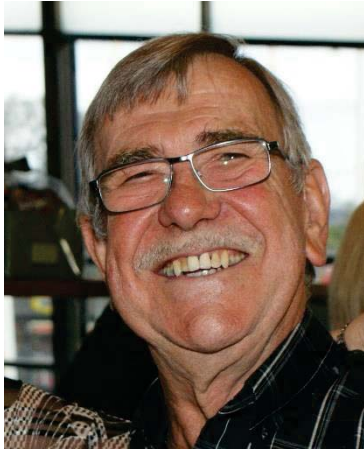
I support the "merger" with Golden Grove and looking to assist the new identity.

It will be sad to witness the closure of Modbury RC, but rewarding to see us moving forward in the interest of Rotary.

I wish to thank members for their support during my recent down years. Thank You!

**Paul Mills (2008 – 2018)**

My feelings are of sadness to see the club close, but also a feeling of anticipation and encouragement of our new journey together with our friends from Golden Grove and Makin Edge.



We have achieved a lot in those 36 years, which will no doubt be documented and highlighted in the "History of the Rotary Club of Modbury" publication.

My greatest enjoyment has been the camaraderie we have experienced with all members past and present over the years, and the lifelong friendships I have made.

I look forward for this to continue, and to add another exciting chapter to our Rotary Involvement.

**Otto Baumgartner (1982 – 2018)**



As you know I am a very new member to the Rotary Club of Modbury.

My purpose in joining was to assist raise funds for appropriate projects through volunteering at our BBQ's etc.

At this point my objective has been achieved.

**Wayne Stevens (2013 - 2018)**

How times have changed since I joined Rotary in 1982.

It was then a male membership club and members' wives were known as Rotary-Annes. Attendance at weekly meetings



was obligatory although it was possible to maintain your club attendance by attending a 'make-up' at another club within a defined period of time either before or after your 'missed weekly meeting'. Visiting members returned to their home clubs with a duly endorsed 'make-up' ticket and the back page of the District Governor's monthly Newsletter always recorded the attendance statistic for each club within the district.

Progressively we have seen things change to such a degree to accommodate current lifestyles and the old standards looked at in retrospect seem to be almost unbelievably archaic and restrictive.

What has not changed, however, is the value of membership of your Rotary Club if you wish to commit to community and wider service.

In his autobiography, *My Road to Rotary*, which was published in 1948, Paul Harris who founded Rotary in 1905 said: *"There can be no better introduction to the life of a community than one that comes through the local Rotary club."*

My own experience has certainly confirmed that view.

We now start Chapter 2 of the journey.

Same people, same motivation but more of us.

**Keith Rendell (1982 – 2018)**





As a member of the Rotary Club of Modbury since January, 1986 I am no doubt counted as part of "the old guard",

who has unfortunately witnessed the gradual decline of membership over the years. However, throughout this time the primary aim of our Club has been to serve the community in which we live and our Club has accomplished this "in spades"!! It should be noted that this phenomenon is not solely related to our Club, but to a great number of likeminded community service orientated organisations.

My fondest reminiscences are of the lasting friendships forged over the past 30 plus years and assisting the community (in a small way) in which we live. There have been many significant highlights throughout the years and no doubt these will be amply described by our Club historian and fellow "oldie", Keith Rendell. I have therefore taken "the easy way out" and have promoted a number of projects that illustrate the creed of our Club - "Service above Self"!!

A number of community service projects (local and overseas) that I believe have significantly highlighted not only our Club but Rotary International handsomely -

The John Tilley Memorial Student award was initiated by our Club to promote an outstanding student chosen by the faculty of the Modbury High School (for his/her) academic record and community service work. The monetary award has increased somewhat over the years to now be worth \$1250- (to assist the awardee in their tertiary pursuits. The calibre of the students who have won this prestigious award, speaks volumes of the relative student and promotes a tangible link between our Club and the Modbury High School, which is one of the largest in the region.

Another innovative community service project related to primary school students within the City of Tea Tree Gully. The students who participated were invited to prepare a booklet pertaining to the historical significance of the region, eg an old stone bridge, an old hotel or house. The winning school then had their presentation duly published.

Another community service project which was initiated in November, 1995 was the establishment of the Steventon Probus Club which has proved to be a winner within the City of Tea Tree Gully.t

Several overseas projects spring to mind, in particular:

- Raising funds for a village community at Katabi-Busambaga (Rotary Club of Entebbe) to purchase a brick making machine in order to build a school.
- Joining forces with an Indian Rotary Club to enable the club to have a number of wells bored (for fresh water) thus alleviating the need of the women folk of the village, to walk long distances to obtain their daily supply of water.

Such projects in my opinion promote understanding and goodwill amongst nations and highlight the exceedingly good work carried forth by Rotary International.

Whilst there are no doubt many, many highlights that this Club can be proud of, it is the members who have made the Club!!

I close with the following quotation from 19th century French dramatist Honoré de Balzac:

*"We do not attach ourselves lastingly to anything that has not cost us care, labour or longing"!!*

**John Richards-Pugh (1986 – 2018)**

## Isaac Reports from Finland

I am now with my second host family which I will be with for around three weeks. I will then move to another family for the rest of the summer break around the second week of July. In August I will go to my last family in August for 4-5 months. I am doing very well.



Euro tour was magical and I had so many amazing experiences and have heaps of memories. Now my oldies are beginning to leave and saying goodbye to them has been hard. I've known them for only five months but some of them have become the best friends I have ever had. In August my newbies will arrive and the cycle will begin again. There were some gifts given out from oldies to newbies that have been passed down over the years. I received the "Mexican Australian bro potion" which represents the friendship between Australians and Mexicans on exchange. I also got the equivalent from the Italians too.

I hope you and everyone at the club is doing well.

This is only a short piece and is different to anything that I have written this year however it is an important part of exchange and I thought I would share it anyway. A piece on Euro tour will be coming in the next few days.

To give some context for the following:

There are two groups that will be on exchange in a country every year. Those who arrive in August and will stay through to June/July and those who like me will arrive in January and leave in January the next year (this is just so the exchange year lies up with the school year of your home country). So, this means that we are now at the time of the year where my oldies are finishing their exchange and leaving Finland.

*"The hardest part of exchange is not saying goodbye, it's not knowing when you're going to say hello again"*

Yesterday I experienced one of the hardest days of my exchange so far. I had to say goodbye to my oldies, goodbye to the most beautiful group of people I know, goodbye to more than just friends, goodbye to family.

Although I have 6 months of exchange left and a whole new group of exchange students to meet I am going to take the opportunity to reflect and share what I think exchange relationships are and what they mean.

When you leave your home country you say goodbye to your friends and family knowing that you will see them again in twelve months time. You have the reassurance that you can count down the days until you see them. When you say good bye to an exchange student, whether they are leaving or you are you don't have that reassurance. It means that after that goodbye the next hello could be in months, years or maybe in some cases never. That makes the goodbye impossibly hard. When you spend five months with someone who teaches you the ropes of exchange, gives you someone to talk to when times are hard and someone to laugh with when you need it most it is incredibly hard to even think about saying goodbye. What makes it even more difficult is you don't know when you're going to see them again. By just having a conversation with someone who really knows what you are going through it can turn a week around. I know multiple people like this who have really helped me get through my first few months of exchange. It's not just the lows and the difficult times that they are there. It's at the highest points on your exchange.

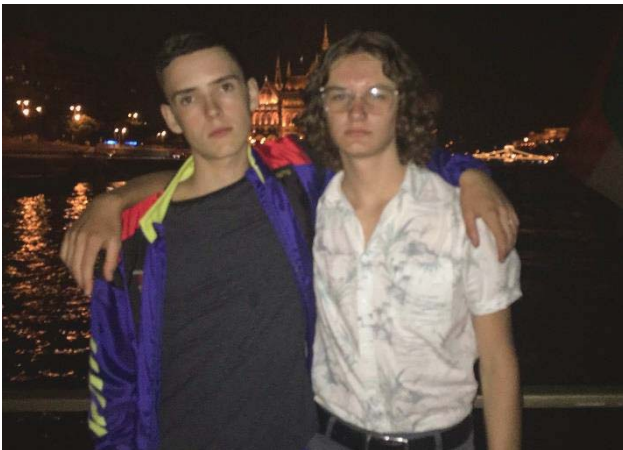
For me the past two weeks of Euro tour have been the highlight of my exchange but it would not have been the same without these people. We could have been anywhere in the world and I think I would have still had the time of my life. Even in that short two weeks I left with twice as many friends than I had at the start. Exchange students help create memories that will last a life time and their presence makes every moment enjoyable. They have been there at some of the best moments of my exchange and are the people that I will never forget.

When I look back on my first half of exchange these are the people who immediately come to mind and whose company I will cherish forever.

I guess what I am trying to say is that when you're on exchange you grow close to people very quickly and then they are gone in the blink of an eye, and what hurts the most, you don't know when you're going to get them back.

In the following photos from the Euro trip you will see students from Australia, Brazil, Italy, Netherlands and USA who have bonded into a closely knit group of friends over the past six months

Thankyou for sharing that with us, Isaac.





## Our Final Meeting - #1643

The Rotary Club of Modbury met for the final time on Monday 25 June 2018.

Present were Ron and Erica Kelley, Otto and Pam Baumgartner, Paul and Kate Mills, Lesley Purdom, Keith and Marion Rendell, Wayne and Teresa Stevens, Stephen and Wendy Knight, Michael Smith, Dean and Ardys Bartley and past member Liz Davies.

The evening was predominantly an opportunity for social interaction and reminiscing although it was appropriate that outgoing President Ron gave a closing report on the year's activities.

As his final official duty Ron presented Otto with the President's Trophy for outstanding service during Rotary Year 2017-18 and with special mention of his work in administering the process of negotiating the imminent merger with the Rotary Club of Golden Grove.

Not one to miss an opportunity, Wayne sought and obtained a strong team to assist at the BBQ at Bunnings, Modbury on Friday 29th June.

Will this be the last chance to wear your Rotary Club of Modbury 'regalia' or will you, like me, continue to wear it with pride even if only within the boundaries of your own private space?



*Ron and Otto Share the Moment*

## A Bus Arrives and a Bus Departs

In the first issue of this progressively updated History of the Rotary Club of Modbury a photograph was featured showing a bus arriving on the O/Bahn at the Modbury Interchange. That was in February 2004.

In the last week of June 2018 another photo shows a bus heaving Modbury Interchange for the city.

The end dates themselves are of secondary importance.

It's what happened in between that counts!



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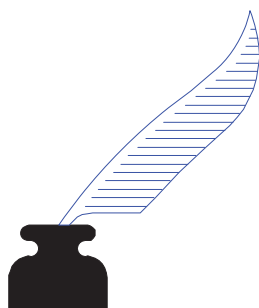
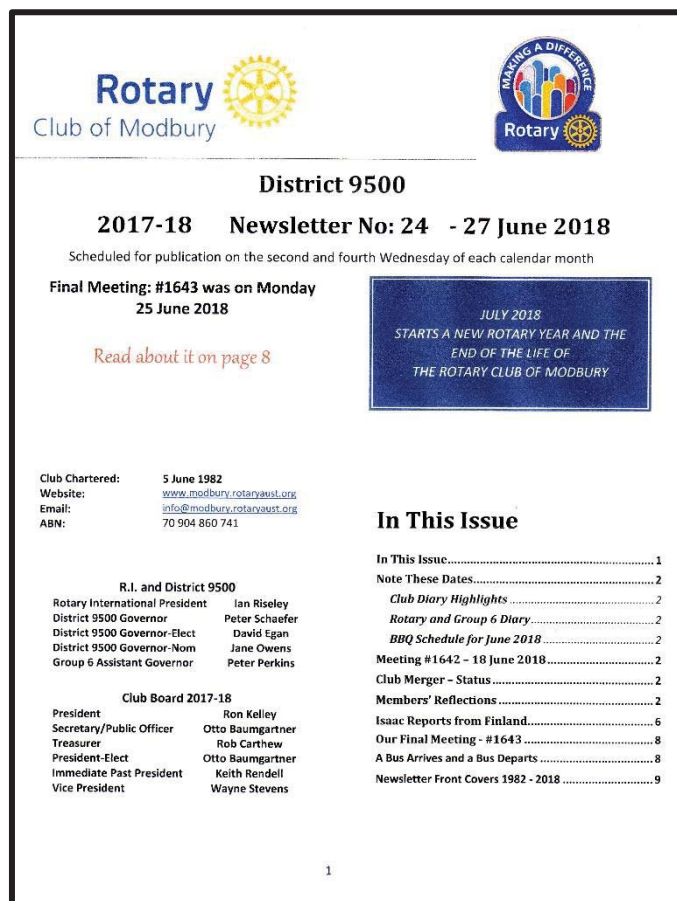
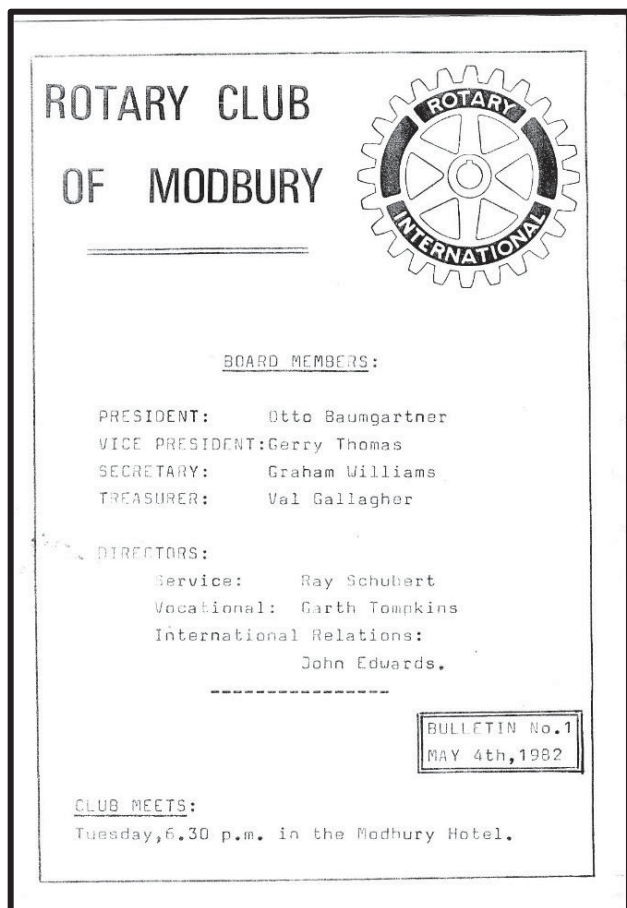
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# Newsletter Front Covers 1982 – 2018

Many of the club's Newsletters/Bulletins have been retained in the club's archives.

Here are copies of the front page of both the first - #1 dated 4 May 1982 and the last - 2017/18 #24 dated 27 June 2018.



At which point the incumbent Editor dusts off the quill in readiness for the next garage sale and then remembers that he has yet to put the finishing touches to the History of the Rotary Club of Modbury.

But that's another story for another day!