

Re: Rotary Club Histories

30th November 2005

Rotary encourages all Clubs to research and record their Club history so that past events and people are not lost in time. Rotarians and others should be able to reflect on some of the many great projects and programmes that Clubs in District 9800 can be justly proud of.

With this in mind District Administration has conducted discussions with the Prahran Mechanics' Institute - Victorian and Local History Library regarding a **permanent** repository for holding Rotary Club histories. The not-for-profit Prahran Mechanics' Institute is located at **140 High Street, Prahran** and began in 1854. It is one of a small number that still provides a lending collection specialising in the history of Victoria.

The Prahran Mechanics' Institute Library have offered to receive, catalogue and display your Rotary Club history on their shelves for access by the general public, other interested Rotarians or for the purpose of research and referral on site or loan. **Your Club history will be located with other local history books of your city, suburb or town.** Your Club history may be lent out, to any of your members or other interested persons just as with any normal lending library. There is **no cost** for depositing your history, borrowing will also be **without charge**, as Rotary will be an institutional member of the PMI library.

If you are interested in lodging your Club history for posterity in a centrally located, highly respected institution but would like more details about the Prahran Mechanics' Institute, you can access their website at: www.pmi.net.au All you will need to do is hand a copy of your published Club history to **your Assistant Governor**. They will be collated by District and lodged with the Library and a receipt forwarded to you in due course.

Items will only be accepted as follows:

- * Completed published book or booklet or various editions thereof
- * OR unpublished manuscripts, which must first be typed and filed in an appropriate ringed binder with title, author(s) and date details (folders containing past Board minutes, correspondence etc cannot be accepted)

The Prahran Mechanics' Institute Library also operates a press with the aim of assisting societies to publish histories from prepared manuscripts or can advise on design, layout and liaison with printers etc. Rotarians are invited to call and view the vast range of local histories or check out their online catalogue at www.pmi.net.au

For further information, contact Administration Officer, John Meehan on Ph/Fax: 9859 1772 or email: adminofficer@rotaryd9800.org

Regards in Rotary,

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District Governor 2005-2006

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