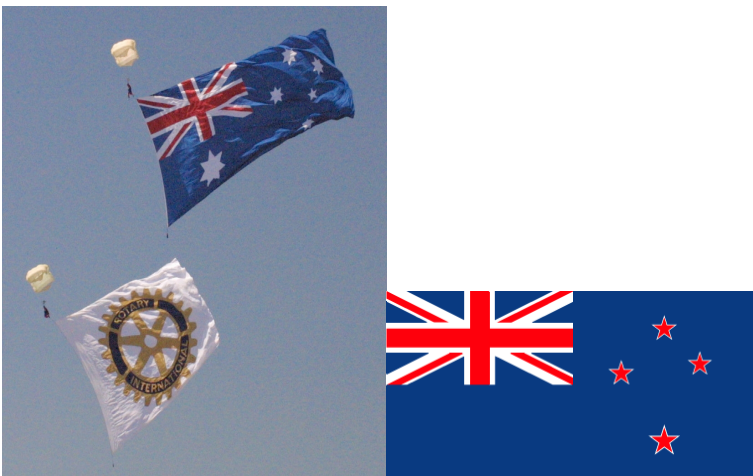


INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF FLYING ROTARIANS
Celebrating the Centenary of Rotary

THE
FLYING ROTARIANS
of
AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND



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Top End Fly-Around June 1999*

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with Rotary flag and Australia flag”
Devonport (Tas.) 2003 Air Show*

right – “New Zealand flag”

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FOREWORD

Ever since early times man has looked to the skies and observed birds in flight, their thoughts always, “*how can we achieve the same freedom and break the bonds of earth*”. Many attempts have been made over the years with all types of devices to achieve this goal. It was not until December 1903 that the Wright Brothers recorded the first powered flight. Only 14 months later Paul Harris conceived the idea of gathering men together to use their talents to help their fellow man, hence Rotary was born.

In the 100 years since these momentous events, the development of Aviation and Rotary has been nothing but phenomenal. It was only natural that these two should come together, and on the 1st January 1965 through the efforts of Ed Kennell, the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians was born. There has been steady growth, and in the 40 years, membership has increased to over 1,500 in 53 countries covering all continents. The first Australian joined about 1970 and since then we have grown into one of the largest Sections outside USA.

Members have achieved much in all aspects of aviation and the professions. Members have been able to contribute with transport to remote places not usually covered by normal methods; mercy missions occur regularly, and many projects have been carried out. The name IFFR is very apt in that it covers *International* indicating world wide, *Fellowship* is doing common interest things together, *Flying* is the achievement, and *Rotarians* are the self-motivated people with multiple skills.

The organisation is well structured in that the world is split up into many sections of which Australia is one, and New Zealand is another. Our two countries work well together and share similar culture and functions. There have been over 90 fly-ins and flying activities since 1970, and all of these have been well patronized in an atmosphere very akin to family. IFFR Australia has a short but proud history and can look forward to continuing the objects of Rotary.

Brian Condon L001
IFFR PP 1994-1996

OBJECTIVES and GOALS

GOAL

Our goal is an active IFFR member in each Rotary Club, with a coordinator in each Rotary District, fully utilising our facilities to bring Rotarians closer together in fellowship.

The goal of all IFFR members is to achieve a better understanding of aviation and Rotary service, among non-flying Rotarians and non-Rotarians, through Rotary Club programs, flying events, and other appropriate activities. The District IFFR Coordinator, shall be responsible for adequately promoting of the *International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians*, and for making available to the Rotary District Governor, any service that may be available to Rotary by our Fellowship.

OBJECTIVES

We are obliged to extend local courtesies and assistance, to visiting IFFR members.

Our prime objective is to hold two major fly-ins per year, in March/April and September/October, at venues selected to cater for the majority of members. It is required that we involve and assist the local Rotary Clubs in the planning of the activities. Members are also encouraged to get together and organise activities on a local basis. To fulfil the requirement of a broad Rotary participation, we must encourage participation of non-flying Rotarians, and non-Rotarians, providing transport assistance where possible.

Rotary International Policy, is to encourage and expand the growth of Fellowships. Greater coverage is taking place in the Rotary magazines, and more activity is being encouraged at the District Conferences and International Conventions. IFFR is a leader in these activities and we encourage an increase in member's involvement.

BASIC RULES

1. Members of IFFR must be current members of a Rotary Club.
2. Members shall have a present or past association with aviation, and/or an interest in flying activities.
3. Members must have a desire to extend their Rotary Fellowship beyond the confines of the club and the District.

LIST OF EXECUTIVES

(Australian and New Zealand members only)

WORLD PRESIDENTS

1994 to 1996 Brian Condon
1998 to 2000 Ern Dawes

WORLD VICE PRESIDENT - AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, ASIA

1981 to 1993 Brian Condon
1993 to 1998 Ern Dawes
1998 to 2000 Malcolm McClure
2000 to 2003 Brian Souter
2003 to 2004 Malcolm McClure
2004 to 2006 Alan Grady

WORLD BULLETIN EDITOR

1997 to 2000 Laurie Chapman

AUSTRALIA PRESIDENTS

1970 to 1972 Sir Frank Sharpe
1972 to 1973 Brian Condon (July to December)
1974 to 1974 Stow Kentish (January to December)
1975 to 1977 Brian Bloxsom (January to July)
1977 to 1981 Sheldon Chadwick
1981 to 1994 Brian Condon
1994 to 1996 Ern Dawes
1996 to 1998 Malcolm McClure
1998 to 2000 Ray Wells
2000 to 2002 Bruce Watson
2002 to 2004 Alan Grady
2004 to 2006 Laurie Chapman

NEW ZEALAND PRESIDENTS

1995 to 1998 Brian Souter
1998 to 2000 Keith Mitchell
2000 to 2002 Dave Jenkins
2002 to 2004 Phil Pacey
2004 to 2006 Graham Gimblett

AUSTRALIA SECRETARY-TREASURER

1975 to 1977 Ward Derks
1977 to 1994 Brian Condon
1994 to 1998 Alan Grady
1998 to 2004 Trevor Steel
2004 to 2005 Peter Walsh (Secretary)
2005 to 2006 Mal Hunter (Secretary)
2004 to 2006 Ian Hope (Treasurer)

NEW ZEALAND SECRETARY-TREASURER

1995 to 1998 Harry Maidment
1998 to 2002 Colin Kay
2002 to 2006 Ian Jenner

AUSTRALIA BULLETIN EDITOR

1987 to 1990 Brian Condon
1991 to 1995 Viv Elliott
1996 to 1997 Laurie Chapman
1998 to 2000 Alan Grady
2000 to 2004 Andrew Mladen
2004 to 2006 Barrie Aarons

NEW ZEALAND BULLETIN EDITOR

1996 to 1997 Laurie Chapman
1998 to 2000 Graham Gimblett
2000 to 2004 Harry Maidment
2004 to 2006 Roger Leadbeater

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- 20 August 1975 Mildura (NSW)
- 20 February 1976 Newcastle (NSW)
- 21 August 1976 Mount Isa (Qld)
- 22 March 1977 Condobolin (NSW)
- 22 October 1977 Linderman Island (Qld)
- 22 March 1978 Bendigo (Vic)
- 23 October 1978 Port Pirie (SA)
- 23 March 1979 Dubbo (NSW)
- 24 June 1979 Albury (NSW)
- 24 August 1980 Warrnambool (Vic)
- 24 May 1981 Cheribah (Qld)
- 25 November 1981 Melbourne (Vic) Pacific Rim Convention
- 25 April 1982 Khancoban (Vic)
- 26 October 1982 Walgett & Lightning Ridge (NSW)
- 26 April 1983 Mallacoota (Vic)
- 27 October 1983 Maroochydore (Qld)
- 27 April 1984 Kangaroo Island (SA)
- 28 September 1984 Cessnock (NSW)
- 29 April 1985 Latrobe Valley (Vic)
- 30 September 1985 Broken Hill (NSW)
- 31 April 1986 Hervey Bay (Qld)
- 32 September 1986 Mildura (Vic)
- 32 January 1987 Perth & Esperence (WA)
- 33 April 1987 Taree (NSW)
- 33 October 1987 Corowa (NSW)
- 34 April 1988 Around Australia
- 44 October 1988 Richmond Air Show (NSW)
- 44 October 1988 Bunderberg (Qld)
- 45 April 1989 Dubbo (NSW)
- 45 September 1989 Stawell (Vic)
- 46 April 1990 Port Lincoln (SA)
- 46 June 1990 Broome (WA)
- 47 October 1990 Coff's Harbour (NSW)

- 48 April 1991 Mount Buffalo (Vic)
- 49 July 1991 Darwin (NT)

49	September	1991	Renmark/Berri (SA)
50	March	1992	Mornington (Vic)
50	March	1992	Tasmania fly-around
52	October	1992	Toowoomba (Qld)
53	October	1992	Thursday Island (Qld)
53	February	1993	Cobden (Vic)
54	October	1993	Lake Keepit (NSW)
56	February	1994	Mildura (Vic)
56	March	1994	Rottnest Island (WA)
57	April	1994	Maroochydore – Twin Waters (Qld)
59	July	1994	Lismore (NSW)
60	October	1994	Wagga Wagga (NSW)
62	February	1995	Paraparaumu (NZ)
63	February	1995	Hamilton (Vic)
69	March	1995	Manjimup (WA)
74	August	1995	Feilding (NZ)
75	October	1995	Archerfield (Qld)
77	February	1996	Nelson-Golden Bay (NZ)
78	February	1996	Tumut (NSW)
81	April	1996	Castlemaine (Vic)
84	September	1996	Waipukurau (NZ)
86	October	1996	Camden (NSW)
88	February	1997	Tyabb (Vic)
90	February	1997	Whakatane (NZ)
91	April	1997	Chinchilla (Qld)
94	August	1997	Port Maquarie (Qld)
95	August	1997	Norfolk Island
98	September	1997	Canberra - Floriade (ACT)
99	February	1998	Mount Cook (S-NZ)
101	March	1998	Victor Harbour (SA)
104	June	1998	Toowoomba (Qld)
105	September	1998	Masterton (NZ)
107	October	1998	Orange (NSW)
109	November	1998	Nowra (NSW)
109	February	1999	Westport (NZ)
110	March	1999	Shepparton (Vic)
111	September	1999	Ashburton (NZ)
112	October	1999	Northam (WA)
114	November	1999	Bankstown Air Spectacular (NSW)
115	November	1999	Mildura (Vic)
115	March	2000	Auckland Festival of Rotary Fellowships
119	March	2000	Caloundra (Qld)
120	September	2000	Taupo (N-NZ)
121	October	2000	Narooma (NSW)

122	February	2001	Wanaka (S-NZ)
123	March	2001	Bankstown (NSW) – IFFR host to IYFR
124	March	2001	Lillydale (Vic)
126	September	2001	Norfolk Island
127	September	2001	Toowoomba (Qld)
128	October	2001	Sydney Harbour – IYFR host to IFFR
129	March	2002	Blenheim & Wanaka (S-NZ)
131	April	2002	Mudgee (NSW)
133	October	2002	New Plymouth (N-NZ)
133	October	2002	Bendigo (Vic)
136	March	2003	Rotorua (N-NZ)
137	April	2003	Broken Hill (NSW)
138	October	2003	Kaikoura (S-NZ)
139	October	2003	Hamilton (Vic)
142	March	2004	Gisborne (N-NZ)
143	April	2004	Bankstown (NSW)
147	October	2004	Napier (N-NZ)
148	October	2004	Port Pirie (SA)
150	February	2005	Devonport (Tas)
154	March	2005	Auckland & Ardmore (N-NZ)
154	April	2005	Latrobe Valley (Vic)
157	October	2005	Christchurch (S-NZ)
157	October	2005	Hervey Bay (Qld)
158	March	2006	Bay of Islands (N-NZ)
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WORLD CONVENTION FLY-AWAYS

162	???	1988	Philadelphia (Pennsylvania USA)
162	May	1989	Seoul (South Korea)
162	June	1990	Portland (Oregon USA)
163	May	1991	Mexico
164	June	1992	Orlando (Florida USA)
165	May	1993	Mebourne (Australia)
169	June	1994	Taipei (Taiwan)
169	June	1995	Nice (France)
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178	June	1997	Glasgow (Scotland)
179	June	1998	Indianapolis (Indiana USA)
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