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Rotary Clubs, Launceston**

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INTRODUCTION

The first Rotary Club was established in Chicago, USA, in 1905. The movement soon became widespread and the name Rotary International was adopted in 1922 as similar clubs were established in other countries. The organisation is divided into districts. Rotary International created the Rotaract Programme for young men and women 18-29 years of age to provide an opportunity for their personal development, community service and social interaction. In 1995 there were 6,457 Rotaract Clubs in 124 countries.

The first steps towards the formation of the North Launceston Rotaract Club, within Rotaract District 983, were taken by the North Launceston Rotary Club in September 1970. An initial Interest Meeting was held on 16 March 1971 and office bearers were elected at an Organisational Meeting on 30 March. There were 26 foundation members. From 1974, two members were invited to attend the parent Rotary Club meetings on a regular basis. However, the inability to sustain membership finally led to the North Launceston Rotaract Club's termination twenty years later, on 31 March 1991.

The North Launceston Rotaract Club met variously at Burwood, Invermay, Our Lady of Christians Catholic School, George Town Road, the Royal Hotel, George Street, Ripples Restaurant and other venues. Its activities included fund raising, especially through gate attendance for the Northern Tasmanian Trotting Association meetings at the Elphin Showgrounds, assistance to the Mowbray Memorial Swimming Pool Complex, Self Help's newspaper recycling project, Mowbray Health Clinic, City Mission, Launceston City Council, the Orana Hostel and other community organisations, tenpin bowling, cricket and other social occasions. It also had regular contact with other Rotaract Clubs in Tasmania.

The collection was donated to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in August 1995.

1.Minutes of Meetings

1/1	Minutes of board (directors) meetings, 19 April 1971-24 February 1983	1971-1983
1/2	Minutes of meetings, 16 March 1971-26 November 1975	1971-1975
1/3	Minutes of meetings, 21 January 1976-27 April 1983	1976-1983
1/4	Minutes of meetings, 5 June 1985-9 March 1988	1985-1988
1/5	Minutes of meetings, 16 March 1988-21 March 1991	1988-1991
1/6	Rotaract District 983, minutes of meetings, May 1990-10 February 1991 (for minutes of meetings 1988-1990, see 4/1-4/2)	1990-1991

2.Annual Reports and Bulletins

2/1	Annual reports, 1974-1990, with gaps	1974-1990
2/2	Bulletins, 18 October 1971-26 March 1991, with gaps	1971-1991

3.Financial Records

3/1	Register of receipts and expenditure, 21 May 1980-20 May 1987	1980-1987
3/2	Register of receipts and expenditure, 30 May 1987-5 June 1990	1987-1990
3/3	Register of receipts and expenditure, 25 May 1990-18 September 1991	1990-1991
3/4	Financial working papers and cash flow statements	1987/88-1989/90
3/5	Bank statements, 24 May 1984-28 June 1991	1984-1991
3/6	Receipt book, 30 May 1986-20 May 1987	1986-1987
3/7	Receipt book, 12 June 1987-31 March 1991	1987-1991
3/8	Receipt book, 19 November 1986-15 May 1990	1986-1990
3/9	Receipt book, 28 May 1990-9 April 1991	1990-1991

4. Correspondence

4/1	Rotaract Clubs' invitations; Rotaract District 983 minutes of meetings; circulating material; letters from community organisations etc	1987-1989
4/2	Rotaract Clubs' invitations; Rotaract District 983 minutes of meetings; circulating material; <i>Distraction</i> issues etc	1989-1990
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5. Photograph Albums

5/1	Photograph album, colour prints (Club activities)	1979-1980
5/2	Photograph album, colour prints (Club activities)	1980-1981
5/3	Photograph album, colour prints (Club activities)	1982-1983
5/4	Photograph album, colour prints (Club activities)	1983-1984
5/5	Photograph album, colour prints (Club activities)	1984-1985
5/6	Photograph album, colour prints (Club activities)	1985-1986

6. Miscellaneous Records

6/1	Club history, 28 April 1971-cMay 1977	1971-1977
6/2	Club history summary (photocopy); invitations; Rotaract Northern Zone, <i>First Annual Report</i> , 1975-76; Rotaract District 983 <i>Statement of Procedures</i> ; Newnham Rotary Club, <i>Weekly bulletin</i> , 24 Nov 1975; Standard Rotaract Club policy statement and constitution; <i>Distraction</i> , April 1989-November 1990; <i>Tasmanian Business Reporter</i> , May 1990; Mowbray Racing Centre Functions Complex folder; North Launceston Rotaract Club membership induction card; Rotaract leaflets and guest tags	1975-1990