



President's 60th Anniversary Message

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Back in February 1905, a Chicago attorney met with a couple of his mates to form a club. The objective of this club was for professionals with diverse backgrounds to meet, exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships and give back to their communities. This club became known as Rotary and today there are some 33,000 Rotary Clubs in over 200 countries.

Our Club, The Rotary Club of Mackay West is one of these clubs. This year on 1st October 2019 we celebrate our 60th Anniversary.

The Club began with 24 members, and in his address to the Club on Charter Night, Charter President Col Story made the comment that each member is a worthy representative of his classification in Rotary. "Our Club is young, virile, enthusiastic and we are eager to learn to be good Rotarians and uphold the objectives of Rotary. I doubt if any President could wish for better Charter Members in a new Rotary Club."

Now, 60 years on from that very first meeting, I have the honour of being the serving President and similar to the opinion of Charter President Col Story, I doubt if any President could wish for better club members. Whether we as a Club are young or not is a matter of relativity but we sure are young at heart. We are a strong vibrant Club upholding the objectives of Rotary.

Our Club is made up of some very passionate dedicated Rotarians, a third of whom have been members for more than 20 years. This passion and dedication are quite contagious and passed on to newer members. Our continued existence is our acknowledgement that the Club is greater than any one individual, along with having in place a formalised succession plan.

Another contributing factor to our strength and vibrancy is, as much as we are an all-male Club, we would not be what we are today if it were not for, not only the continued support, but the actual involvement of our partners.

In reaching our 60th anniversary milestone we take the time to review, reminisce and learn from the past, deal with and appreciate the present and continue to plan and embrace the future.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M.P. Curtin".

Michael Curtin
President