

## Vale PP Frank Childs PHF

### Rotary Club of Berowra



6.7.33 to 24.2.23

Frank was inducted into the Rotary Club of Berowra in November 1977. He was the first new member to be inducted into this newly chartered club. Frank held numerous offices in the club and was Club President from 1985-86.

Frank recognised the importance of enriching the lives of young people in the community. It was not surprising then that Frank volunteered to serve on the District Youth Exchange Committee for several years. He and his wife Jan were host parents and councillors for the club's Youth Exchange students. In fact one of the club's exchange students, Yuka, travels to Australia often to revisit her host parents. She is now 60 years old. Along with others, Frank was instrumental in encouraging the club's support of RYLA. From the very commencement till today the club has had a continual involvement sending young people to discover their talents and pursue leadership within the community.

Frank recommended to District 9680 (at the time) that Youth should be an Avenue of Service in its own right, rather than part a division of International Service. As a club member and partner, Frank showed his wonderful sense of fun especially during the 'fines session' when he was the Sergeant. He was a mentor to new club members and was always willing to share his knowledge of Rotary with others.

On retirement Frank resigned from Rotary and with his wife Jan joining as a member, he jokingly would say he was a Rotary Anne. Until recently Frank was always there, a willing volunteer, offering his assistance at Fundraising events or enjoying and social outings.

As a club member and dear friend, he will be sorely missed.