



Lions Stuart Perrett
Lions Club of Stanthorpe Inc

2nd Vice District Governor
District 201Q1 – 2023-2024

A Little About Stuart & Community Service

Stuart is a *country boy at heart*... Born in *Dubbo*, spent 35+ years in Brisbane in the Bayside District of Wynnum & Manly and later on Fortitude Valley & Newstead, Moved to Stanthorpe in September 2006 and *Joined the Lions Club of Stanthorpe in January 2008*.

Stuart is married to *Kaylene* and has 2 Adult Step Children and recently became a Grand-Father, making the creators of Bluey, richer... Stuart is a dog person and has a Cavalier Shih-tzu called *Jacky Jack*. Stuart started his community service journey at the young *tender age of 4*, Stuart's parents were heavily involved with youth programs as members of the Rotary of Wynnum & Manly. Early on he would attend working bees such as painting houses, building bridges in community parks, helping with directing car parking for the Gateway Bridge opening and so much more. He would regularly attend Rotary dinner meetings & social outings, being strongly *influenced by many community leaders* and he began to understand the importance of working together and being part of a team with a sense of purpose. At *age 16*, Stuart was invited to take part in a fundraising event run by the *Rotaract Club of Wynnum & Manly*, a point that would change his life forever, and his true community service would begin. Stuart quickly *made many friends* & showed *strong leadership skills* within the *club & district* holding most executive positions over his time in the club, including holding the position of *District Rotaract Representative* for 2 years, and attending many training workshops.

Stuart's Key Takeaway and Message About Community Service

While Stuart was once, young & foolish, and at the time enjoying the wonders of fellowship and service to the community, he never saw the *true impact* that one may make while serving the community... UNTIL the day, a local ambulance was called to a fellow members family home to an infant drowning incident... paramedics quickly *use the infant resuscitator* purchased by the members of the Rotaract Club of Wynnum & Manly, *'that he had helped raised funds for'*... and in turn not knowing that they all had helped... *save that child's life!*

The true impact of service is never really known, but one must know your service can save & change lives forever!

SK Perrett.

Working & Business Life

Stuart started his working life off at age 11, working Saturday Morning and School Holidays, in the *family bakery 'Perrett's Pies'*. Stuart is a qualified Pastrycook / Baker, and a winner of the *Champion Cake of Show*, at the Stanthorpe Ag Show. (*His dad is so so proud...lol*)

It was through an opportunity presented by a fellow Rotaract member in 1985 that Stuart entered the *Advertising Industry at Ogilvy & Mather*, one of the leading ad agencies in Brisbane and Australia.

Quickly working his way up the ranks, and respected by all that worked with him and the management, they even recognising his achievements at a Staff Christmas party for his *outstanding efforts* within the company above all others.

Due to the *'recession we had to have in the 80's'* - Stuart's work was done at O&M, but of all the staff retrenched, they found him another placement at Brisbane's leading Art Studio, Squeekers.

In late 1987 Stuart started *working with his father* in the family full time at the Bakery located in Wynnum to undertake and completed his trade apprenticeship, while still working in the advertising industry in the afternoons as a *freelance graphic designer*.

After completing his trade, he meet with fellow ad industry colleagues and form a new business partnership - Right Angles & Design. Quickly rising to the top, working with industry mover and shakers... Stuart moved into *computers with highly sort after skills* throughout the industry. Skippy Productions was formed and a contract from leading Advertising Agency Jarvis, Fielding & More begin a long term relationship, working with and *developing high profile brands* for company's such as Sheraton Pacific & Asia, Bank of Queensland & Qantas Regional Airlines. As well as building up a high profile client list for himself - in the likes of Stereo Supplies Australia, Deaf Lottery Art Union, Philip Bacon Art Gallery, Port of Brisbane Corporation just to name a few, and still working with to this day after 25 years, now Queensland's Largest independent Computer Retailer & Business IT support company Computer Alliance located at Mt Gravatt.

Stuart has always been known with industry peers, as the go to guy *if you needed something done*, and he still run his business by his motto, *Skippy to the rescue!*

Over 37 years in the industry Stuart has been recognised with both individual & collaborative printing, creative & art direction awards, with way too many to mention. *Ever heard? 'No More, it's the Law'*

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Current Business Life

Stuart (*calls himself semi-retired*) still preforms everyday creative and design projects to this day, while the industry has changed from his early days of traditional paste up & typesetting. Stuart's ability to embrace and adapt with industry & technology changes - has always placed him at the forefront of new technologies, ideas and new ways of thinking and always on the lookout for the next new opportunity... No square boxes!

Stuart runs a very *successful design & internet hosting* company, which keeps him busy onboarding and communicating with many people across all walks of life. *Utilising all his communication skills* gathered over the years through his leadership development through his service to the community.

Stuart has always *credited his business success* to his *involvement with community service & leadership development* over the years, and is always looking for new ways to work smarter not harder.

Community Service

Joined Rotaract in 1984 at the age of 16

Positions held within the Rotaract club include:

Tail twister, Treasurer, Vice President, President, Club Social Director, International Service Director, & Spring Parade Charity Fund Raising Chair. (*raising \$15k in 3 mths [in the 80s], fund for local charities*)

Stuart's Rotaract District level involvement include:

District committee member 2 years.

District 963 & 9630 Rotaract Representative DRR twice.

District 9630 Charity Ball Chair.

Tri-Districts 9600, 9630, 9640 Charity Ball Chair.

Other Community Service Organization & involvement:

Redlands Domestic Violence Shelter.

Ipswich Disable Citizen Housing - Raising funds to provide housing through corporate sponsorship & Manage General Maintenance.

Cub-Scouts Volunteer.

Australia Small Winemakers Show. (Entries & Event Co-Ordinator)

Professional Industry involvement include:

Brisbane Art Director's (BAD).

Brisbane Advertising Association. (BAA) (*Charity Focused*)

Youth Exchange Programs:

Stuart has been around the Youth Exchange program since the age of 9 with his parents hosting many exchange students.

Hosted 28 students through Southern Cross Cultural exchange.

As a Youth Exchange Coordinator, he introduced a weekends away program for students, eliminating the changing & moving of students / host families with a 100% success rate.

Stuart has always been a big supporter of Lions Youth Programs and has been involved in every level from Co-ordinator to Host.

Hosted Lions Exchange students on numerous occasions - including the chaperon of 13 Scandinavian Student in Sydney for 4 days.

Positions held within Stanthorpe Lions Club include:

Bulletin Editor, Christmas Cake Co-ordinator, 2 year Director, Social Director, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Vice President, President, Secretary, Membership (Current)

Lions Club Committees include:

Club 50th & 60th Celebration Committee.

Charity Ball Committee.

District Convention Committee. (Stanthorpe)

Co-ordinator for the Opening of the Lions Members Memorial Wall by **Governor-General and Lions Patron - His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and Her Excellency Lady Cosgrove.**

District Convention Registrations. (Multiple Times)

Time Capsule Chair (*Community Service Club*) - Opening, public display, & co-ordinator of new items. (Capsule to be open in 2047)

District Positions include:

Bulletin Production & Editor. (Multiple)

Webmaster. (Multiple - Current)

GMT Global Membership Team.

District Convention Committee.

Zone Chair.

2nd Vice District Governor. (Current)

Personal Development:

RYLA: Rotary Youth Leadership Award.

ALLI: Advanced Lions Leadership Institute.

FDI: Faculty Development Institute.

Service Recognitions:

Honorary Membership of Rotaract Club of Wynnum & Manly.

Melvin Jones Fellow. (Stanthorpe)

Melvin Jones Fellow. (District Progressive)

James D Richardson Honour Award. (Stanthorpe)

Professor Ian Frazer Humanitarian Award. (District)

Lion Roar Award. (Stanthorpe)

Exceptional Service Award. (Stanthorpe)

International Leadership Award. (District)

District Governor Star Award.

District Governor Excellence Award.

District Governor Appreciation Award.

As an upcoming Lions leader, my focus & purpose is to encourage more involvement from the community to undertake an active roll in performing community service & providing relative service projects for better community engagement!

This not only helps build our lions club membership but helps build better communities for everyone.

In fellowship & service, Lion Stuart Perrett.

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