

ROTARY CLUB OF COFF'S HARBOUR SOUTH.

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PROFILE OF ROTARIAN - ARCH RENSHAW

PAUL HARRIS AWARDEE.

PRESIDENT KEVIN, ROTARIANS, ROTARYANNES, ROTARY
INNERWHEELIENNS, VISITORS AND GUESTS.

How do you describe a person's life,? - Do you do it by actions, do you do it by deeds, -- do you do it by calling that person a friend - or do you do it by the giving of gifts - to show or indicate deep appreciation of that person's worth to the community. Our community is made up of people who contribute to our community. If the contributions are good, this is then reflected from the whole of the community. Archie, as we all know him, has contributed a great deal to his community as a Rotarian - community service has been Archie's great love.

Please allow me to trace the thread of Archie's activities for a few minutes.

Arch originally served an apprenticeship as a toolmaker. On arriving in Coff's Harbour in 1948 he opened an engineering business and developed this into a precision engineering and automotive engine reconditioning workshop. This was most successful and eventually Arch purchased the property on the corner of Park Avenue and Castle Streets and worked in these premises until his retirement in 1973.

Two of his hobbies that Arch was most active in were woodworking and photography. Arch had been our Club's official photographer for many years.

Arch had a good voice and belonged to the Coff's Harbour male voice choir.

Many other achievements were - first President of the Technical Advisory Board that was the founder of Coff's Harbour Technical College. Without Arch we probably would not have Bob Gray with us.

Arch was the foundation President of the Coff's Harbour Deep Seas Fishing Club and was the initiator of this club.

Arch became a member of Coff's Harbour Rotary Club in 1966 - serving in many positions. In 1971 he transferred from Coff's Harbour club to become a foundation member of Coff's Harbour South Rotary Club - of which he is still a member. A Rotarian of 20 years standing.

In 1982 he became a foundation member of the first "Probus Club", which was formed by Coff's Harbour Rotary Club.

Arch was also a very active member of Coff's Harbour Chamber of Commerce, and was chairman of Annie Forsyth's Tree Planting Committee. As a member of Coff's Harbour Rotary Club, he was involved in planting all the trees that used to be along Pacific Highway, north of Marcia Street, which are no longer there..

As a sportsman Arch distinguished himself as a lawn bowler - winning the Coff's Harbour "B" grade singles championship and also the "A" grade pairs with Lyle Kesterton.

This is only a precis of Arch's journey in life - with more to come.

On behalf of our club, it is my pleasure to advise you that you have been awarded the highest honour that Coff's Harbour South Rotary Club can bestow on you for your services to Rotary and the Community.

In future you will be known as Arch Renshaw "Paul Harris Fellow".

Congratulations!

Will you now come forward and receive your award.

After the award is presented - drink a toast to Arch.

(Profile by Len Haynes).