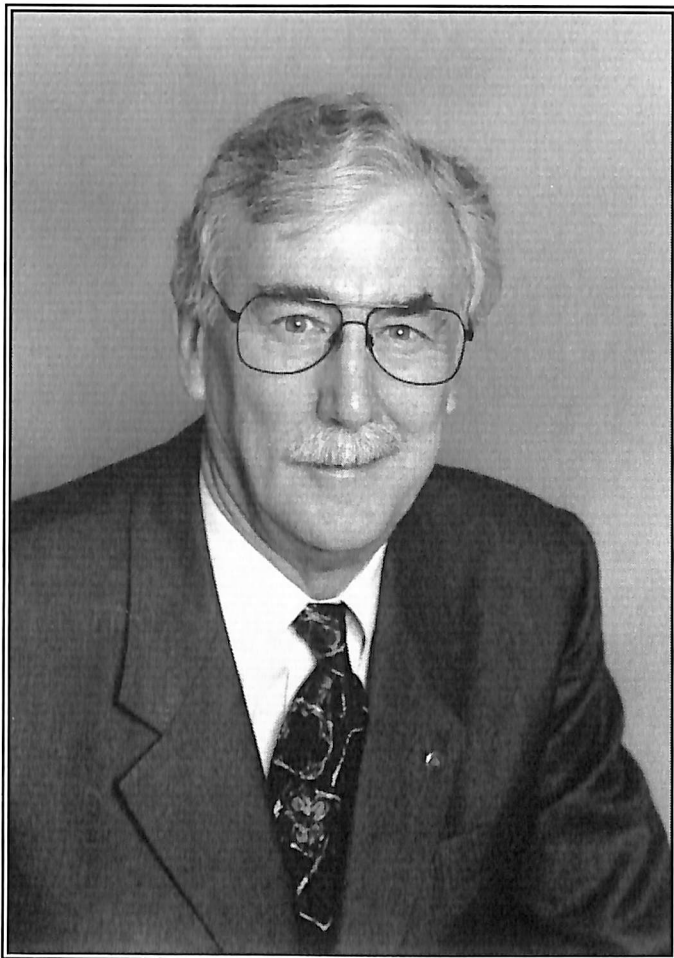


Celebrating the Life of
Neale Thomson Burgess



1931 - 2007

HYMN: PRAISE MY SOUL

1. Praise my soul, the king of Heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise the everlasting king!

2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same forever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless;
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
glorious in his faithfulness!

3. Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
widely as his mercy flows!

4. Angels, help us to adore him,
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space;
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise with us the God of grace!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen

Order of Service

Welcome	Reverend Stevens
Prayer	Reverend Stevens
Reading - 1 Corinthians 13.13	Chris Hughes
Reflections	Andrew Burgess
Reflections	Amanda Burgess
Reflections	Richard Burgess
Reflections	David Burgess (grand -son)
Hymn - Praise My Soul	
Letter to Jane	Adrian Jones
Reflections	David Burgess
Jane's list	Elizabeth Burgess
Conclusion	Reverend Stevens
The Lord's Prayer	
Benediction	Reverend Stevens

Neale Burgess, Rotary Club of Hawthorn

The passing of our esteemed member Neale Burgess represents the loss of another outstanding Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Hawthorn.

Neale was inducted into the Club on 4th October 1960 at the age of 29. Neale was the son-in-law of charter member Gordon Woodard. Eventually Neale took over as Managing Director of the Woodard's Real Estate business and served in that role with distinction, as he did in the Rotary Club of Hawthorn.

Neale quickly became a vital member of the Club, becoming Club Secretary in less than 2 years. This may have been something to do with the fact that Gordon Woodard became President in 1962 and therefore had Neale at his side in more ways than one.

Neale became Director again in 1966 (Club Service) and served again on the Board the following year with responsibilities for fellowship. These roles prepared him well for his year as President of the Club in 1969-1970. His year as President was an active year and distinguished by a significant lift in membership (from 68 to 76) with an average attendance of over 86%, a statistic that can only be envied these days.

Neale's achievements and contribution to Rotary were celebrated by the Club through a Paul Harris Fellow recognition in 1989 and again with a Sapphire in 1997.

Neale will be remembered for many things. He had a great general knowledge and a genuine interest in people but above all it was the great respect with which he was held by all within Rotary and throughout the community. This respect flowed not only from his achievements and his gentlemanly manner, defined as it was with his wry sense of humour but his respectfulness of others.

No Club meeting will ever be quite the same again without the inevitable question from Neale of the speaker. Invariably the question was preceded by something of an editorial on the subject but the question always reflected the attention and respect that Neale had given to what the speaker had to say.

As we all too recently had occasion to reflect, all Clubs, and Rotary Clubs in particular, reflect the quality of their members. The Rotary Club of Hawthorn has been fortunate to have many excellent members, people of vision, energy and commitment. Neale Burgess was certainly one of these and to quote his family was "irrepressible and irreplaceable".

Neale's Family has our deepest sympathy and we offer our heartfelt condolences to you Jane and your children Amanda, Richard, Andrew, Elizabeth and David in particular who for some years was a third generation Hawthorn Rotarian. Thank you for sharing Neale with Rotary and the community.

Jane and the family invite you to refreshments
in the Church Hall after the service.