

## About Our Members Tim and Sharna Philips

Tim was born in Pretoria, South Africa on Boxing Day 1942. One of his earliest memories of sport included watching Sir Donald Bradman and his Australian eleven defeat South Africa in the test at Ellis Park in 1948. The Philips family with four children, moved to Australia in 1950. Tim went first to Gordon Public and then Sydney Grammar School in College Street. He played the usual sports and represented the school in athletics, debating and rugby and completed his leaving certificate in 1959.

Although not his first choice, Tim with a teachers' college scholarship, developed a taste for Commerce, at University of NSW and took out an Honors Degree in Economics also being very involved in student activity, including the Evangelical Union.

He next moved to Sydney University to complete his Diploma in Education, but did not go onto become a high school teacher instead he managed to secure a Teaching Fellowship back in the School of Economics at University of NSW and commenced a Master of Commerce Honours degree. Research for his thesis was into decision-making non-profit organisations in 1965. Interest in Christian student work with Intervarsity Fellowship, led to a management appointment with Intervarsity Fellowship as Assistant General Secretary for two years including work in journal publishing and Sharna was born in Sydney and spent her childhood in Collaroy and later in Epping, and moved to Roseville in her last year of school. As she attended Wenona School for Girls at North Sydney from aged 7, her memories of school days are mostly centered around the never ending bus trips to and from school—her school friends thought she lived in the country! In between bus trips she somehow fitted in playing tennis, basketball, learning the piano and reading endlessly. Homework and study were sometimes on the agenda. She attended Sydney University where she studied Speech Therapy, and thoroughly enjoyed discovering that boys attended university too. However, one young man, Tim Philips, from that “other” University, caught her eye, partly because he lived conveniently just around the corner, and also because he had a very sporty car—a Morris Minor convertible, which smoked ferociously and whose gears were impossible to change. Much fun was had trying to get to such places as the Blue Mountains, Newport, and on occasions, to the other Campus at Kensington.

Tim and Sharna married in 1967 at St. Andrews Roseville. Wedded bliss started at Baxter College on that other Campus. At the University of NSW, with our sole possessions being a green VW and a sewing machine. The pull of the northside proved to be very strong, and a block of land was purchased at French's Forest, and a very modest house was built to house the VW, and the sewing machine. Soon the house had another addition, Simon, who was born in 1970. Speech Therapy gave way to nappies, Tupperware parties, the joys and vicissitudes of having a Septic Tank. Kirsten was born in 1973 while we lived on yet

as a director of Bookhouse Australia. A further move to Macquarie University as Senior Tutor in economics followed and included working as the first Dean of newly founded Robert Menzies College in the early seventies.

A further period in academia followed with Tim's appointment as Lecturer in Health Economics again at his Alma Marta, this time in the School of Health Administration? Tim became interested in hospital management. In 1994 this led into working as a health consultant, first with Peat Marwick 1996-1987. He made a further career shift, as a result of the business crash in 1988, first into Tim's own Consulting firm and then into his present position as CEO of Hope Healthcare in 1990.

Tim had an experience of the health service as a patient with a major kidney tumor being successfully removed in 1992. He is an Associate Fellow of the Australian College of Health Service Executives and member of The Executive Connection (TEC), a worldwide network of CEOs.

With a demanding full time executive job in the health system and nearly five hundred employees, Tim finds he has limited time for anything else. In addition to Rotary, he dabbles in water colour painting, listens to jazz, attends live theatre, as well as doing the odd bit of gardening, tennis, power boating, golf and reading.. another university campus—Robert Menzies College at Macquarie University.

When Simon and Kirsten were both at school Sharna returned to work part time at The Spastic Centre. Sharna was awarded a Churchill fellowship to study Communication for people with disabilities, which took her to USA, Canada and England. This wet her appetite for further studies and she gained a Diploma in Education, and then a Masters degree in Special Education. She has continued to work in the Disability sector, working at The Spastic Centre, the Department of Education, lectured at The Australian Catholic University and is currently working for the Department of Community Services..

Both Simon and Kirsten have flown from the nest and live over the other side of the Harbour Bridge. Kirsten married Nick 5 years ago, and Simon will marry Simone next March. Kirsten and Nick are completing studies at Moore Theological College, and will finish this year. Simon and Simone are both lawyers and work for large legal firms, Simon with Minter Ellison, and Simone with Clayton Utz.