I would like to personally thank all the clubs and personal Sponsors that help make the Philippines Bursary Still what it is today. To Craig Martin well it's been almost 6 months, since you've taken on the job......only 9 ½ years to go!

It's important for those clubs and private sponsors that are sponsoring to honour their commitment, each year and if you're in a club that has spare finances please consider the Philippines Bursary as a worthy investment for your club to take on.

A decade passed and I had some highs and lows as Bursary Officer, but more highs, especially when visiting the clubs and scholars, which was always so refreshing and rewarding.

To see many of the most recent Graduated scholars becoming Apexians is very exciting.

Through the vision of the National Board, I was able to reinvigorate the Bursary and work with the Philippines Apex members to create a Program that now brings together schooling and club service work and gives students the opportunity to discover what their supporting organisation is truly all about.

I wish the scholars, sponsors and Bursary Coordinators both in the Philippines and Australia well into the future and I hope to be invited to the 50th anniversary in 2024!

Lifer Ian Willy Oates





