

The Southern Cross University Darrel Chapman Fun Run

Darrel Chapman was a Lecturer in Sports Science at the Northern Rivers College of Advanced Education (NRCAE), Lismore, which in 1989 became the University of New England (Northern Rivers) UNE(NR) and in 1994 the Southern Cross University (SCU). Darrel (Barbara) was inducted into the Rotary Club of Lismore West on 15 February, 1990 by President Keith Parry with the Classification, *Sports Medicine*. Sadly, Darrel passed away on 9 October 1992 of cancer. President Frank Whitebrook (1992 – 1993), the former Head of the Lismore NRCAE, developed with the UNE(NR) the idea of conducting an annual community Fun Run in the area around the UNE(NR) and the now Southern Cross University, organised by the students of *Sports Medicine*. President Frank arranged for the Rotary Club of Lismore West to provide, in perpetuity, the following two Trophies in memory of former Club member, Darrel Chapman:

* *The Open Men's 6 km Race* and * *The Open Women's 6 km Race*

These Trophies would be kept at the College/University and engraved each year with the winner's name. The Rotary Club of Lismore West to provide each year, a smaller, replica Trophy for the winner to keep. The Rotary Club of Lismore West also agreed to man a "Sausage Sizzle" stall for each Darrel Chapman Fun Run, with the food & drinks being supplied by the College/University. The Inaugural Darrel Chapman Fun was held in September, 1993. It has been held most years since, with a gap of 2 – 3 years after about ten years. When re-started, the date was changed to the third Sunday of May. Southern Cross University and its *Sports Science* students are responsible for organising the Darrel Chapman Fun Run each year. The Rotary Club of Lismore West has maintained its commitments of supplying replica Trophies and manning the "Sausage Sizzle" each year. Since 1995, our Rotary Club has used its "Wee Barbie" Catering Van for the "Sausage Sizzle".
