

1966-67

President	Stan Burke
Vice President	Eric Baker
Secretary	George Watts
Treasurer	Jack Gribble
Directors -	Club Service - Eric Baker Community Service – Keith Errey Vocational Service – George Crawford International Service - Ian Errey
District Governor - Cec Kentish, Mount Gambier	

R.I. Theme - “ Better World Through Rotary”

The Directors met monthly, generally at 8.30 p.m. at the homes of one of the executive with one such meeting concluding at 12.05 am!

As no Rotary Times (Bulletin) exist I have trawled through the minutes book to discover the ‘doings’ of the Club. The major project was a bag, battery and tyre collection in September and October, 1966. It must be assumed they were successful as Treasurer Jack Gribble announced a balance of \$421-37 in the Project Account at the December 1966 director’s meeting.

Much discussion centred upon the possible formation and suitable housing for a Senior Citizen’s Club in Cobden which came into being during the next Rotary year. It is interesting to note that at the Directors meeting on October 25, 1966 “.. that the dinner charge for Ladies Night’s be raised to \$1.20 per person.” (those were the days !) A ladies night was scheduled for December 1st.

In December 1966 the Rotarians visited the Cobden Apex Club joining in a dinner meeting. The directors at their December 1966 meeting acted as a nominating committee for the 1967/68 year with Eric Baker being nominated as President, George Watts as Vice President, Jack Gribble nominated as Secretary and newcomer Pat Northeast as Treasurer. These nominations were to appear in the Club Bulletin and placed on the notice board.

In late February 1967 Rotary hosted a very successful and well attended cabaret ball in the Civic Hall resulting in a profit of \$155-02. It was also agreed to donate \$100 to the Rotary Club of Hobart for the bush fire appeal.

Rotarian Bill Errey addressed the club in March 1967 speaking about his recent world tour. When the hospital ladies were unable to cater Rotarians were asked to "Bring Your Own Dinners" with fees going into the project account.

At the June 15th, 1967 meeting of the Executive Elect held at the home of Eric Baker, the Cobden Lake was first mentioned with "...beautifying of the lake surrounds by the planting of 30 or 40 trees and erection of tables etc." This was to become the Club's first major project which in tandem with the Shire of Heytesbury took many years to turn it into the beautiful place it is today for use by the community and many visitors.

Projects adopted for the 1967/68 year, moved on the motion of George Watts and seconded by Ian McArthur included the completion of the formation of a Senior Citizens Club, beautification of Cobden Lake, an airstrip for Cobden, conduct A Most Popular Shop Assistant Award, Education of a New Guinea student, entertaining Asian nurses and International students and the holding of a Cabaret Ball.