

## 1970-71

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<b>District Governor</b>	<b>Jim Chisholm, Geelong West</b>

### **R.I. Theme - "Bridge the Gap"**

Keith Errey was inducted as the sixth President of the Club at the change over dinner held on Thursday, June 25, 1970 at the Civic Hall.

President Keith attended the Cobden Quota Club charter dinner on Saturday, July 4, 1970, the opening of the new Cobden National Bank building in early August, the Apex hand-over dinner on August 10 and then the Rotary Club of Camperdown in September to hear the former Australian Ambassador to The Argentine, Peru and Uruguay, Mr. E.D. MacKinnon, C.B.E.

Rotarian George Crawford travelled to Port Moresby in July and visited the Club's former sponsored student Michael Bejiji at Moresby and made up at the Rotary Club of Wewak. George's talk to the Club on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 1970 was titled "A Trip from Wewak up the Sepik Valley" accompanied by slides "coupled with the usual Crawford oratory and wit." ( copy of the Rotary Times, September 1, 1970 ).

In July the Club received the exciting news that their nomination, Cobden student Mary Robertson ( who attends Camperdown High School ) had been selected for overseas exchange in Japan during 1971. Mary spoke to the Club on January 14, 1971 just a week before her departure to Japan.

Combining with the Rotary Club of Collingwood thirty boys from Victoria Park State School who had never been to the country before were hosted overnight in November 1970. They were driven through the Heytesbury Settlement, visited the Kraft Factory at Simpson, a sawmill at Timboon, drove through the beautiful Curdies Valley and were guests of the Rotary Club that evening when they viewed slides of the local scenery, the Twelve Apostles, the coastline and much more. Billeted overnight by Rotarians they visited the Cobden Butter Factory on Friday morning, had lunch at

Cobden Tech and left for Collingwood at 1 p.m. According to the Rotary Times “All arrangements went like clockwork, the weather was perfect and the whole caper was immense benefit to the children and this club.”

The Rotary Times, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1971 reported that the previous week the Cobden Hospital Ladies Auxiliary had served their 300<sup>th</sup> meal. What a total after just over 5 years, I wonder what their final total was in 2003? Thousands upon thousands of the best meals in District 9780.

Membership underwent a great change during the year. Six new members were inducted - new Heytesbury Shire Engineer, John Finnigan ; SSB Manager David Hart ; Max Galagher, Principal Timboon Consolidated School ; local sheep farmer Max Chisholm ; Accountant Frank Cleary and new State School Principal Jeff Binder who went on to become a District Governor of District 9780. Four members resigned - Ralph Rowan who transferred to the East Malvern Branch of the SSB; Ross Wilson moved to Bougainville, P.N.G. ; accountant Frank Cleary who resigned on 1/4/1971 and Alex Maynard.

The Rotary Club presented a proposal to the June 1971 meeting of the Heytesbury Shire to beautify the Cobden Lake which was accepted by the Shire who donated \$150 towards the cost of the plans. This was the beginning of a long and productive relationship with the Shire in enhancing the Lake and its surrounds.

Out going President Keith Errey reported at the change over dinner that “Highlight of the year was the World Rotary Convention at Sydney, nine Rotarians and their wives attended,” in May 1971.