

**1972/73**

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The R.I. Theme for the year - **“Let’s Take A New Look and Act”** was announced by President Pat Northeast at the changeover dinner which heard an address from 1971 exchange student to Japan, Cobden’s own Mary Robertson. Mary “had every one spell bound by some of her experiences in Japan.” Incoming President Pat also handed over a cheque for \$100 to Cobden Swimming Pool representatives Mr and Mrs J. Souter towards the purchase of a fibreglass diving board for the pool.

Rotary, arguing in the negative, narrowly defeated Cobden Apexians in a debate titled – “We have failed our Aborigines.” The Rotary team consisted of Malcolm Roberts, Keith Morrison and John Blake.

The Club hosted the Australian Boys Choir ( 24 boys plus manager and conductor ) in the Civic Hall on October 28, 1972 when over 300 attended this wonderful evening.

Rotary hosted a ‘free’ Road Safety night on November 16<sup>th</sup> in the Civic Hall with guest presenters Senior Constable Don Westwood of the Police Driving School and Senior Constable Tony Peyton of the road patrol. Films were shown and questions answered and lectures delivered to the school children the following day.

Thirty Princes Park Primary school children were hosted for five days in November 1972 “ ... and the children had a memorable week and who knows how valuable ?” - said Youth Director George Crawford. This combined venture with the Rotary Club of Collingwood saw the students visit the Heytesbury Settlement and a trip along the Great Ocean Road. An article written by George Crawford was published in the May 1973 edition of Rotary Down Under .

The second Rotary Golf day in December 1972 was won again by Rotarian Jim Gleeson when 64 players teed off and followed up with a barbeque and presentations.

South African exchange student Patrick Joseph returned home in early 1973 after a very successful year in Cobden. The Club learnt later in the year that Barbara Jehu had been successful and was to go to South Africa in 1974 and that they would also be hosting an American student.

Rotary Park and lake benefited from two huge working bees in February 1973 when trees and rubbish were removed from the south bank and a number of trees were planted by Primary school students.

Valda Clarke and Foster Taylor attended RYLA at Glenormiston in 1973.

The Rotary Ball was another outstanding success and club activities included the hosting of the American GSE team with a bowls night topping off their visit; a combined dinner with Quota and Apex ; a bbq at Geoff Denney's and Bill Barrett's and a picnic at Port Fairy.

Information regarding the formation of a Rotaract club was sent to over eighty young people with thirty attending on the night. Due to a lack of solid commitment it was decided to let the matter rest until a later date.

Five members were lost during the year mainly due to work transfers and three new members were inducted.