

1975-76

President	Max Nelson
Vice President	Harold Errey
Secretary	Steve Woodcock
Treasurer	Bill Errey
Directors	Club – Geoff Denney/Keith Morrison Community – Geoff Walsgott Vocational – Jack Langley International – Stan Coad Youth – George Crawford
District Governor	Murray Mitchell, Geelong West

R.I. Theme - “To Dignify The Human Being”

Rotarians and guests were entertained by Cobden Tech School teacher Phil Bernoth singing a bracket of Irish songs at the change over dinner at the Civic Hall. The guest speaker was Eric Howard who spoke of his 10 week trip to Ohio, U.S.A.

President Max highlighted the presentation of the Charter to the Rotaract Club of Cobden in September 1975 by District Governor Murray Mitchell. President Brian Healy received the Charter before 300 people at the Civic Hall on behalf of the 28 members and received a lectern, fines box and gong from the Rotary Club of Cobden. The Hospital ladies catered for the evening with a three course meal at \$11 per double.

Rotaract began with 18 members and rose to 28 members by charter night. Strong family ties and community service featured when the Rotaract club received its charter on September 13, 1975. Rotarian Jack and Quotarian Shirley Langley’s son Colin was a charter member and went on to become president; Rotarian Jim and Quotarian Mick Luker’s son David and daughter of Rotarian Geoff and Quotarian Elsie Denney, Lynn James were also charter members. A true circle of community service indeed!

Works continued at Rotary Lake with generous donations of equipment and operators from local contractors Ron Blake and Laurie Green. The Shenfield Street side being the subject of most of the work and the foot bridge near Adams Street being completed. Future plans included the provision of barbeques and seating.

The GSE team from Louisiana, U.S.A. was hosted in September for two days and when visiting the Boggy Creek hotel for lunch whilst looking out the window the comment heard was – “ It’s not as big as the Mississippi.” A second GSE team from Sweden was also hosted and Lynette Beasy returned from Canada after having enjoyed her year’s exchange. Cobden was an active cog in Rotary International.

Fund raisers included the annual rag drive, the December Golf day, wine bottling at Jack and Shirley Langley's ("Rumour has it that some of the wine was in fact bottled." - Annual report 1975-76) and the annual ball with an Olympics theme.

Charolais Ole held on Saturday March 27, 1976 was a huge financial success with over \$1500 being placed in the club's coffers. The success led Club Service Directors to write – "To cater for large crowds attending requires more planning and a considerably enlarged workforce."

Membership remained static with four members leaving and four being inducted. Annual subs were \$24 and donations were made to the Rotary Foundation, the Cobden Hospital Pension scheme, the Cobden State school (for purchase of a PA), to Cobden Technical school (for purchase of a potters wheel) and a barbeque, the Leprosy Mission and local netball association for the purchase of uniforms.