

1976 – 77

President	Harold Errey
Vice President	Bob Gibb
Secretary	Steve Woodcock
Treasurer	Bill Errey
Directors	Club - Jim F. Walsh and Bob Gibb Community – Geoff Walscott Vocational – Keith Errey International – Alby Stuart Youth – George Watts
District Governor	Ian Coughlan, Rochester

R.I Theme - "I Believe In Rotary Service"

Fellowship was achieved during the many fund raising activities which included the Charolais Ole (\$1450 was raised with the full club input), a wine bottling night at Max and Wendy Chisholm's, the Rotary Southdown golf day and the many working bees and barbeques at Rotary Park throughout the year in lieu of Thursday meetings in the Hall. Park seats were sat upon the recently poured concrete slabs and a picnic seat and table were also erected.

Canadian exchange student Lynn Lanning, from St. Thomas, Ontario (near Niagara Falls) settled in at Cobden Technical school after arriving in August 1976. Lynn attended Cobden Technical School during her stay.

A close association continued with the Rotaract Club and included a combined dinner at the Cobden Hotel in September 1976.

Cobden Technical School teacher Robert Melyea learnt in August 1976 that he had been selected as a member of the 1977 GSE team to Sweden. Robert left in May and returned in mid July 1977.

Working bees continued at Rotary Park with seats erected and a slab laid for a second barbeque. Much cleaning up and tidying at the water edge took place. Three sets of picnic chairs and tables were erected at the Lake at Simpson in conjunction with the Simpson Progress Association and the Heytesbury Shire.

The December 1976 Rotary/Southdown Golf Day was another success netting \$360 for club coffers with over forty golfers taking part. Wine bottling at Max and Wendy Chisholm's was another combined club activity and fundraiser.

President Harold said a highlight was the hosting of RYLA at Glenormiston in May 1977 with administrators Keith and Marion Errey doing a great job in looking after the 37 students. Cobden sent two awardees – Myra Sheedy and Nola Errey.

Rotarian Tom Bown passed away in October 1976 and three members resigned. The only member inducted was Jack Morris.

The club received news in late June 1977 that the club's nominee for student exchange, Janice Ryan of Timboon had been successful and her papers had been forwarded to Canada.