

## 1977-78

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### **R.I. Theme - “ Serve To Unite Mankind”**

Rotary and Rotaract combined their changeover dinners on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1977 at the Cobden Civic Hall. Incoming Rotaract President was Cobden Tech school teacher Moira Sheedy and National Bank manager Bob Gibb was at the Rotary helm. Rotary exchange student Lynn Lanning who was returning to Canada the following week received several gifts.

Rotary Park and lake were again the major focus of community projects. Several working bees were held on Thursday evenings at the park resulting in the willow trees suckers being removed, dredging around the island at the western end and the completion of the footpath on the Northern side ( Peter Street). An application for funding was made to the Shire to erect a jetty and the release of a number of swans from Ballarat was the highlight. They provided much joy and entertainment to youngsters for many years.

D.G. Ray and Ollie Downey paid their club visit in early September and the club was addressed by recently returned GSE team member from Sweden, Constable Jim Murnane of Camperdown police.

Rotary hosted a pleasant Sunday afternoon in September at the Civic Hall when Glad Bown was presented with a Shire of Heytesbury Citizenship certificate for her years of work at various Infant Welfare Centres in the Shire.

In late September 1978 Jim and Margaret Gleeson left to live in Highton after living in the district for 24 years. Jim was the first President of the Rotary Club.

The men's 27 hole scratch and handicap ( ladies 18 holes ) golf day sponsored by Southdown Breeders was another success netting \$386 for club funds.

In mid December Rotary hosted the Warrnambool Theatre Group Concert party at the Civic Hall where patrons were treated to a number of songs, sketches and melodramas.

On January 15, 1978 Timboon High school student Janice Ryan flew out to Peterborough, Ontario, Canada and snow (!) as Cobden's exchange student for the year.

Rotarians again manned the gates at the Heytesbury Show, Simpson and a number attended the Rotary Conference in Bendigo where guest speakers included Dame Phyllis Frost, M.B.E. and Hon. Tony Street, M.P. Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations.

The Rotary Bulletin dated April 4, 1978 announced – "ELDERLY CITIZENS FLATS: It is satisfying to see that one of the first projects of the Rotary Club of Cobden is now reality. The Elderly Citizens Flats are now complete. This project was started with an investigation and feasibility study approximately 10 years ago."

Charolais Ole in April proved a social highlight with over 250 seated by large camp fires being entertained by piper Brian Healey. The large crowd consumed huge Charolais steaks and "... large cauldrons of Charolais stew."

Two students were sent to RYLA at Geelong in May 1978

Membership remained static with two members resigning and two being inducted - Stock and Station agent Clarrie and Mondy Smith and Cobden newsagent and ex-policeman Fred and Bernadette Vermay.