

**1978-79**

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**R.I. Theme - “Rotary - Gateway To Service”**

Rotary and Rotaract again held a joint change over dinner at the Civic Hall on Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 1978. Incoming Presidents were Ian McArthur and Lindsay Eaton who were inducted during an evening that featured a Highland theme with the Haggis being piped in by Brian Healey and ‘operated on’ by Rotarian Dr. Bill Barrett.

The Rotaract club had grown in membership during the past year from 12 to 16 at the time of change over.

The Rotary Times ( Club Bulletin ) 27/7/1978 reported -  
*“ Membership. Consider the wheelbarrow - It stands still until someone pushes it. It is just the same with membership development.”*

The club lost five members during the year – Charlie Oates resigned due to failing health, George Crawford moved to Geelong and National Bank Manager Bob Gibb received notice of his transfer to Port Moresby. Long serving Rotarian and Cobden Butter Factory employee Tom Bartholomew also transferred and Clarrie Smith resigned which saw end of year membership fall to 24.

Youth featured prominently during the year with exchange student Janice Ryan returning from Canada a very confident and mature young lady and in March 1979 the club welcomed 17 year old Japanese student Mina Kawagoe who attended Camperdown High school. Natalie Smith learnt that she had been selected as an exchange student and would be hosted in the Philippines. Maurie Van Es was the club’s RYLA representative at Ballarat in 1979.

The Rotary/Southdown golf day in December 1978 was another great success with 80 plus golfers and a profit of \$520 thanks to the organizing skills of Bill Barrett and Jim F. Walsh.

Charolais Ole was replaced by the successful joint hosting of a rodeo at Port Fairy on Sunday, January 28, 1979 with the two clubs hosting a very successful event. A profit of just over \$1,200 for each club resulted with great fellowship being enjoyed. Rotarian Fred Vermay co-ordinated the event on behalf of Cobden.

Donations included the Cobden Bush Nursing Hospital, a student award at Cobden Tech., Cobden State Emergency Service, Rotary Foundation and the Spastic Society of Victoria. A trip to Moonee Valley was another highlight and the hosting of the visiting GSE team from Brazil.