

## **1980-81**

<b>President</b>	<b>Stan Coad</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Bill Barrett</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Jim Luker</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Keith Errey/Jack Morris</b>
<b>Directors</b>	<b>Club – Jim L. Walsh</b> <b>Community – Geoff Denney</b> <b>Vocational – Ian Holmes</b> <b>International – Max Nelson</b> <b>Youth – Steve Woodcock</b>
<b>District Governor</b>	<b>Frank Lowery, Maryborough</b>

### **R.I. Theme - “Take Time To Serve”**

Rotarians and visitors to the combined Rotary/Rotaract Club changeover dinner at the Golf Club listened to guest speaker, Mortlake Rotarian Ellis Bickley speak of Rotary’s Youth Exchange program. The induction of incoming President Stan Coad was witnessed by his wife Glenice and four children. Incoming Rotaract President was Lynette Wilson with Sandra Mitchell secretary.

Rotary and the Cobden community suffered a great loss with the passing of charter member Keith Errey on October 27, 1980. Keith had been instrumental in pushing for and bringing into being the Cobden Technical school. Tree planting at Cobden Lake and Lake Elingamite, inspired by Keith took place in October and November. Jack Morris took over as treasurer for the remainder of the year.

The Southdown golf and bowls day held on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1980 attracted players from Maryborough, Anglesea and Timboon who enjoyed prime Southdown chops ably cooked by Rotarians backed up by the rotary ladies with salads and serving of tea, coffee etc. The Southdown connection continued through great support by local sheep breeder Geoff and Nancy Baker of Cobden.

Rotary hosted the combined service clubs dinner in February 1981 when blind guest speaker Allen Welsh gave an inspirational talk during the Year of the Disabled, accompanied by his guide dog “Magnet” Allen told of his experiences since being blinded as a result of a motor car accident 11 years earlier.

Nesbitt's Ardno bull sale saw Rotary catering again in March 1981 resulting in the club's biggest money spinner with a profit of \$1,400 after a hard but enjoyable days work and fellowship. The Nesbitts joined Rotarians and partners at a ladies night in Port Fairy in early May to foster their growing partnership.

As well as assisting in the organising of the second hospital Gala Day in March 1981 Rotary entered a float with an International theme and pulled off one of the prizes!

During the year returned exchange student Natalie Smith told Rotarians at a club meeting she had just completed "the most fascinating and rewarding year of her life" upon her return from the Philippines. Natalie assisted Rotarians in preparing for incoming 16 year old Philippine exchange student Paula Hernandez who arrived in May 1981. Paula attended Cobden Tech School during her stay.

Donations were made during the year to Cobden Kindergarten for playground equipment, the Italian earthquake appeal, Rotary Foundation and the support of two Asian students ( school fees ). Rotarian Harold Errey and wife Margaret travelled to the R.I. Convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil in May/June 1981 meeting many Rotarians from around the world and visiting many of the beautiful nature spots of the region.