

1981-82

President	Bill Barrett
Vice President	Ian Errey
Secretary	Don McKenzie
Treasurer	Jack Morris
Directors	Club - Frank Hodgson Community – Geoff Denney Vocational & International – Max Nelson Youth – Ian Holmes

District Governor Jack Hill, Colac

R.I. Theme - “World Understanding and Peace Through Rotary”

Rotary and Rotaract combined for a change-over dinner at the Cobden Hotel on July 3, 1981 when Dr. Bill Barrett and Sandra Mitchell were inducted as President for the coming year. Chairman for the evening, Rotarian Don McKenzie “.. kept the jokes coming thick and fast,” and a song he wrote referring to various Rotarians was sung by Joan McQuinn and Ian Holmes to the tune of “Mrs Sparkle and Mr. Sheen.”

Progress at Rotary Park continued under the guidance of Geoff Denney who co-ordinated efforts with the Apex Club of Cobden to erect the toilet block which was well under way at the end of the Rotary year. The Heytesbury Shire provided materials and bricklaying with Rotarians and Apexians doing the rest of the work.

The Southdown golf day was another success both socially and financially. In a first the Rotary ladies conducted a street stall raising just over \$250 for the club. J.L. Walsh was ‘catering officer’ for the Ardno Bull sale where over 1,000 (!) salad rolls were prepared and swelling club coffers by over \$1,000 in another great effort. Frank Hodgson helped organize the Hospital Gala day in March and Rotary donated \$65 for the prizes and exhibits.

Paula Hernandez returned home to the Philippines on April 31, 1982 after a very successful year spent in Cobden and attending Camperdown High School. Earlier in January 1982 Boorcan teenager Michael Steel flew to Frankfurt, Indiana, U.S.A. as the club’s outgoing exchange student. Lynette Wilson was the club’s representative at RYLA held at Glenormiston .

An International night held at Joan and Bernie McQuinn's was the social highlight of the year. Rotarians and partners having been allotted a country attended in national dress and "fun was had by all," reported International director Max Nelson.

The demise of Rotaract was reported in Director Ian Holmes report as follows - Youth Service. "It is with regret that I must report that our Rotaract Club has found it necessary to go into recess. During the year the club was very active under President Sandra Mitchell, but it has been a battle with only 7 regular members."

Club membership improved with five members inducted. Members inducted were baker/shop keeper Don Rankin, Tech school teacher Eric Sanders, NAB Manager Kevin Smith, John Wiggins and Shire Secretary Merv Whelan. Two members left – Geoff Walsgott moved to Shepparton and Cobden Tech school, Principal Keith Morrision transferred to Hallam Park.