

## **1983-84**

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	<b>District Governor Ellis Bickley, Mortlake</b>

### **R.I. Theme - "Share Rotary - Serve People"**

Cobden's 19<sup>th</sup> President Albert Harlock reported at the end of his year of Presidency that it had been a challenging but rewarding one with a number of peaks including the club's Christmas Break-up night when Rotarians and partners under the direction of Elsie Denney performed an old style Music Hall entertainment. Albert said it was a "... huge success when we unearthed many hidden 'talents.'"

Trees were planted at the Cobden Recreation reserve and the ladies street stall raised \$267. The Southdown golf day on Sunday, December 11, 1983 raised \$722. A bonus Ardno Bull sale catering day in December, 1983 saw \$444 added to club funds.

The official opening of the Cobden airstrip was a red letter day for the community and Rotary had made a number of donations over the years. The driving force of this wonderful community project was Rotarian Jim L. Walsh who saw the need for a 24 hour facility that would benefit the whole Shire. This airstrip is still much used by the Air Ambulance in 2006 and will be for many years to come.

Former Rotary South African exchange student Patrick Joseph and his wife Stephanie visited Cobden in 1983. Hosted by the club in 1972 Patrick, a schoolteacher, visited Australia with a view to possibly settling in Perth. Patrick stayed with former Cobden Rotarian George and Frances Crawford in Geelong.

Rotarians also learnt former Japanese exchange student, Mina Kawagoe, hosted in 1979 was to be married on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1984. Mina had kept in touch with her many Aussie families, particularly Steve and Beryl Woodcock.

Sixteen year old local student Kim Barlow flew out to Bremerton, USA on January 21, 1984 a city of 38,000 and largely a Naval Base area situated on a series of waterways near Seattle and the Canadian border ( Vancouver ).

Cobden Rotary club hosted the Combined Service Clubs dinner in April 1984 with world renowned bird artist Richard Weatherly as guest speaker.

A highlight was the presentation at a Rotary meeting in April 1984 by D.G. Ellis Bickley of a cheque for \$4,250 to Des and Cheryl Couch, President of the Laang speedway. The cheque was part of Rotary District 978 "Fire Relief Fund" to assist sport and community facilities following the Ash Wednesday fires.

New Rotarians inducted were local police sergeant Alan Hart in April 1984, Dennis Walsh and Don Phelan the club finished the year with a membership of 27.