

## 1985-86

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**District Governor Ken Nall, Geelong**

### **R.I. Theme - "You Are The Key"**

Over 100 people including D.G. Ken Nall and Shire President Ian Laing were present at the changeover dinner when John Wiggins was inducted as the twenty first President. Guest speaker for the evening was local 'poet' and raconteur, Irishman John Benson from Scotts Creek.

Rotary combined with the Apex club in donating a number of books to the Cobden Library. A magnificent wooden clock made by students from Cobden Tech was given to the club in November and still holds pride of place today.

The club's Most Courteous Shop assistant award was shared by Janine Garton of E. & R.A. Parlour and Margaret Wines of Pauls store. The ladies street stall raised \$233 and the Southdown golf day saw 58 men and 28 women hitting off on a lovely sunny day. Anthea Fitzsimons returned home to South Africa and although no student applied to Cobden for overseas student exchange the club sponsored one of Terang's applicants – Palma Casonato who went to Quincy, Illinois, USA in 1986.

A new fund raiser introduced was the trailer raffle, with second prize being a Victa lawnmower, third a Stihl brushcutter and fourth an outdoor setting. Drawn at the Heytesbury Show on March 1, 1986 Rotarian Bill Smith of Mortlake was very pleased with his new trailer as were the other prize winners. A profit of \$1,565 was made.

A New Year's Eve ball with a 1940's theme in the wonderfully decorated Civic Hall thanks to Elsie Denney and the ladies was a great way to welcome in the New Year. Jazz band 'Opus Six' provided the music and a profit of \$487.55 was made.

Joy flights in February proved popular and a walk was added to the Fun Run with a total of 71 entrants enjoying the community event.

The Ardno bull sale and catering was another great day of fellowship and financially successful with nearly \$1,300 being made on the day. The champagne breakfast at Val and John's was another successful morning and afternoon raising nearly \$200 for International projects.

Without a doubt the highlight of the year was the club's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrated at the Cobden Sports and Social club on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 1986. Just over 100 current and former Rotarians celebrated the event and were addressed by South African exchange student Ronnet Hertz from Warrnambool. A humorous poem "Ode to '66" written by Don McKenzie created much interest when read to those present.

Nine Cobden Tech school students took part in a unique work experience program being hosted by the Rotary Club of Knox for a week in June 1986. The Year 10 and 11 students gained a valuable insight to job possibilities and experienced something of life and work in the "big smoke". Later in the year Cobden hosted 'city students' who wanted to experience country life and work opportunities.

The club finished the year with a membership of 31 as 4 new members – Colin Kelly, Alec Maynard, Gary Raselli and Frank Sheehan were inducted and none lost.