

1987-88

President	Peter Narik
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District Governor	John King, Boort

R.I. Theme - "United In Service - Dedicated To Peace"

Peter Narik took over the reins as president on June 2nd, 1987 from Greg Tippett at the Cobden Golf Club when Rotarians and guests listened to 3YB personality Bob Pullin regarding his work for the Cystic Fibrosis Society.

In late July Cobden Tech students completed a Bike Ed trailer partly sponsored by the club for use by district schools. The A.J. Hunter Apprenticeship awards were presented to three local apprentices and gained fitting coverage in the local press.

Most Courteous Shop Assistant and Pride of Workmanship awards were presented to Julie Murfitt (Lee's Supermarket) and Sandra Mitchell (Cobden Tech) in October.

The Sunday, December 6, 1987 Southdown Golf day saw 81 golfers from around the district take part and the club clear \$1,072 for the day.

Rotarians went back to school late in 1987 to make wooden toys under the expert guidance and leadership of Russell Glasson for distribution to St. Vincent De Paul, local kindergartens, libraries, medical waiting rooms and the like. It was fair to say 'Glasso' was astounded by the quality of the work! (enough said!)

Makato returned home to Japan in March 1988 after a very enjoyable year for both himself, members and host families, truly a wonderful student and ambassador.

A Catering Committee led by Bulletin Editor J/L/ 'Red Jim' Walsh was formed and was kept extremely busy. They catered for the Southdown Golf day, an evening meal at Ardno in February 1988, three days at the Air Pageant in March, the annual Ardno Bull sale (\$1,507) and the Elingamite North Primary school 50th anniversary weekend.

J.L. also kept us much amused with his tales (tall and true ?) and jokes in the weekly bulletin and his ability to work Rotarians into a story!

The trailer raffle won by Warrnambool St. John Ambulance member Mal Beal was supplemented by Lucky Envelopes at the Air Pageant and the Apex/Fire Brigade annual 'White Elephant' sale in April.

The fourth fun run/walk saw 57 starters participating in another community event providing much fun and fellowship for the community.

Tech School Teacher, Kevin Johnston travelled to Cobden, Illinois, USA in December 1987 after students replied to a letter from an Illinois School and this led to the formation of the 'Cobden Connection' which is still active today. Rotarians and their partners were to play an ongoing role in the coming years.

Four Tech school students participated in the work experience program in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Knox.

Christine Scouller was presented with the 1988 A.J. Hunter Apprenticeship award in February 1988.

The club continued its commitment to Polio Plus by donating \$1,200 at the end of the Rotary year.

Membership loss was high with the club suffering greatly through the death of Charter Member Don McKenzie in March 1988. The retirement of Cobden Primary school Principal Steve Woodcock at the end of 1987 and his subsequent move to St. Leonards was also a great loss. Transfer of secretary Colin Kelly (State Bank), the move of Jack Morris to Camperdown and Peter McKenzie to Melbourne and two resignations further depleted membership. The sole member inducted was Tech school Principal Doug Styles.