

## **1988-89**

<b>President</b>	<b>Russell Glasson</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Max Chisholm</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>John Wiggins</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Kevin Smith</b>
<b>Directors</b>	<b>Club - Max Chisholm/Greg Tippett</b> <b>Community - Alan Hart</b> <b>Vocational - Geoff Denney</b> <b>International - Ian Holmes</b> <b>Youth - Russell Glasson</b>

**District Governor Alf Swan**

### **R.I. Theme - "Put Life into Rotary - Your Life"**

Russell Glasson was inducted as the 24<sup>th</sup> President of the Rotary Club at the change over dinner held at the Cobden Golf Club on Thursday, June 23, 1988.

Cobden Rotarians, partners and friends heard from Cobden Illinois High school teacher Carla Winters and two students who arrived in Victoria for a 2 week tour. Great national publicity was received and this visit, following that of Tech School Teacher, Kevin Johnston to USA at Christmas grew into the 'Cobden Connection,' a wonderful International connection of friendship, peace and world understanding.

Kraft Foods, Simpson Field Officer Bob Anderson was inducted into the club on August 10, 1988.

In late August 1988 the club welcomed overseas exchange student Susan Nordermeer from the Netherlands for a 12 month stay. Susan from Naarden near Amsterdam attended Cobden Tech during her stay.

The Rotary/Southdown Golf Day was enjoyed by all continuing to receive great support from local sheep breeder Geoff and Nancy Baker.

The club catered for two days at the official opening of the new milk drying plant at Bonlac raising over \$1,150 for club funds. This was a very hectic but enjoyable time of hard work and fellowship for club members and their partners. Further catering was undertaken at an antique auction held at the Civic Hall which raised \$356 for club coffers.

In October the club donated \$300 to the Corangamite Regional Library Service for the purchase of books for teenage readers. The books arrived in the library in late November with a Cobden Times article ( featuring President Russell and Librarian Kerry Nelson ) announcing their arrival. Less than a month later President Russell was in the Times again presenting 60 wooden toys to St. Vincent De Paul Society member Marie O'Brien. Toys were also distributed to the Cobden Library, kindergarten, playgroup, hospital and clinic.

In mid January 1989 17 year old Kelly Smith ( grand daughter of Rotarian J.L. Walsh ) flew to the city of Lappeenranta, 200 kms North West of Helsinki, Finland for a years exchange.

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual fun run/walk saw 41 starters in total with Scotts Creek runner Anthony O'Connor first home in a field of 37. First walker home was our treasurer's son Damien Smith followed by Patricia O'Connor of Ecklin.

Rotary catered at the Heytesbury Show Simpson with a barbeque raising \$816 which was not considered a just reward for the planning and hard work on the day.

Lucky Envelopes were sold at the Apex 'White Elephant' auction in April 1989.

The Ardno bull sale was another great day out with Rotarians and partners and friends putting in a long day and catching up with many friends at the Jancourt Homestead. The club was well rewarded with \$1,800 being raised.

Bronwyn Anderson was the recipient of the A.J. Hunter award, Tech school student Dean Capizzi attended RYPEN at Hamilton and RYLA ( Glenormiston ) awardee was Wendy Robertson.

A highlight of the year was the presentation by D.G. Alf Swan of a District Governor's Certificate to J.L. 'Red Jim' Walsh for his outstanding service to the club and the community over a lengthy period of time. An honour richly deserved.

The club began and ended the year with a membership of 26. Receipts and expenditure in the General Account totalled \$8,126 – 97 and \$8,164 in the Project Account. Donations were made towards the building of a new street stall, Cobden Fire Brigade, Salvation Army, Cobden Tech school ( Peer support and youth welfare and the Great Industrial Adventure ), Cobden Primary school, Rotary Health Foundation and IPAC projects supporting the blind in India and Zimbabwe. The club honoured its support and commitment to Polio Plus with a donation of \$1,500.