

1989-90

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R.I. Theme - "Enjoy Rotary"

Rotary farewelled exchange student Susan Nordermeer in July 1989 after a very successful year in Cobden attending Cobden Tech school.

Tech school teacher Kevin Johnston and 41 'Downunder Cobdenites' returned with 12 American 'Cobdenites' in July 1989 for a 3 week stay. The club learnt much of Cobden Illinois, USA when they addressed a club meeting.

Rotarians replaced the two '1976 Rotary' tables at Simpson Historical Park and later placed a further table for use by locals and visitors to the town.

Another community activity was the total funding and erection of shade cloth over the toddlers pool before the October 1989 opening. This was accomplished thanks to three working bees.

Roadside clean ups were a feature of the year with three being conducted and Cobden Rotary Park and lake also saw three working bees during the year to remove fallen trees and branches, rubbish and generally clean up the lake surrounds.

The wooden toys were again produced and presented to local community groups prior to Christmas and the Rotary/Southdown Golf day saw a men's and ladies 18 hole stableford event followed by a spit roast meal for \$5 a head or \$12 a family.

The ladies November 1989 street stall raised a very nice sum of \$325 for club coffers and the 1989 students awards were presented to Tech and Primary students.

Rotary and Quota shared a combined Christmas dinner at the Cobden Hotel in December. Rotary-Ann Joan McQuinn delivered the Christmas message, carols were sung by all and Kristine Smith sang two solo numbers.

The remainder of the Rotary year was as busy as ever with joy flights on January 31, 1990 raising \$500 towards lighting for the air strip. The club welcomed Kelly Smith home after a very enjoyable and rewarding year in Finland.

A total of 16 bicycle helmets were donated to the Cobden Primary school in March 1990 and 10 to the Tech school for use in their Bike Ed programs. In May 35 bikes were marked in conjunction with Cobden police. The 6th Fun Run/Walk on Friday, February 16 saw 31 runners and 36 walkers take part in this Community event.

The Catering Committee led by J.L. 'Red Jim' Walsh led the way at Ardno on Friday May 3, 1990 raising \$1,060 and enjoying great fun and fellowship amongst members and the many attending the bull sale.

A ladies night featuring dinner at a Warrnambool hotel followed by the movie "Driving Miss Daisy" was enjoyed in late May. An inspirational talk from Indian Nun Sister Stella Adattu in May about her work with the poor and exploited in India so inspired members that \$210 was donated to Sister Stella on the night.

A new project was the catering for lunch and afternoon tea at the antique auctions held in Cobden by Jim Monk raising nearly \$1,300 for the club.

Tania Brown and Julie Logan attended RYPEN in Hamilton and Phillip Grummett attended RYLA at The Little Desert Lodge, Nhill.

The club lost long serving member and treasurer National Bank Manager Kevin and Theresa Smith to Warrnambool during the year and former President Max Nelson. Four new members were inducted – farmer Ian and Doris Denney, Tech school teacher Kevin Johnston, store owner Peter Daffy and the world's second best treasurer and NAB Manager Ian and Margaret Pollard and finished the year with a membership of 28.

An important step was the Incorporation of the Club in August 1989 in step with R.I.'s direction and policy. The club also became a member of the 100 per cent Polio Plus Club after honouring its financial pledge.

The year rounded off with an international flavour thanks to a visit by eight Illinois 'Cobdenites' including teacher Carla Winters and the Mayor of Cobden Gene and Carol Dammerman. Over 70 members, partners and locals welcomed them at the weekly Rotary meeting.