

**1991 – 92**

<b>President</b>	<b>Bill Barrett</b>
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<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Ian Pollard</b>
<b>Directors</b>	<b>Club - Alan Hart</b> <b>Community - Russell Glasson</b> <b>Vocational - Peter Narik</b> <b>International - Bernie McQuinn</b> <b>Youth - Greg Tippett</b>

**District Governor Ken Broadbent, Colac West**

**R.I. Theme - “Look Beyond Yourself”**

Bill Barrett became the second Rotarian to take the reins of club presidency for the second time following Stan Coad at the change over dinner held on Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1991 at the Golf Club. Guest speaker for the evening was Bill’s brother Newell Barrett.

Antonio Garcia from Mexico arrived in July to spend a year with the club and saw quite a bit of Australia visiting S.A., N.S.W., Qld and the N.T.

Rotary president Jim L. Walsh was presented with a Shire of Heytesbury “Community Service Award” by Councillor Alma MacDonald at the Shire President’s August dinner for his outstanding service to the local community over many years.

Rotarians began collecting cans and seeking donations from the community in September and October to assist the Rotary Club of Warrnambool East and the Salvation Army to assist district people in need.

Rotary agreed to Russell Glasson calling for the formation of a combined committee to look at and assist the needy in Cobden and District, particularly over the Christmas/New Year period. The committee chaired by Russell incorporated the churches, Quota, Red Cross, St. Vincent De Paul and Apex in an effort to readily identify those in need. Over 40 food hampers were delivered just prior to Christmas within Cobden and immediate surrounds.

The Rotary club pledged \$3,000 to the Heytesbury Aged Care Appeal in October 1991 over a three year period and began by donating \$1,000 at the end of the Rotary year. The ladies street stall raised \$325 in another outstanding effort of cake and slice making on behalf of the club.

The Rotary/Southdown golf day on Sunday, December 8 saw 79 players take part with Jim Creece winning the mens stableford event and Nora Place the women's event. The day raised \$742 for the club. A week later the club catered for Jim Monk's antique auction at the Civic Hall and raised \$220.

A club first, a Spinning Wheel, the brainchild of Russell Glasson was used at the Chamber of Commerce Christmas promotion netted a fantastic profit of \$368 and gave the club great public exposure and saw many happy winners on the night.

The new year dawned as busy as ever with two new wooden seats installed at Rotary Park in January and the February Joy Flights netting a profit of \$302. Friday, March 6, 1992 was the date for the 8<sup>th</sup> Fun Run/Walk which saw numbers slightly down but a strong field still participated. First runner home was 17 year old Scott's Creek athlete Stephen Page, a previous winner in 1990 and runner up in 1991. First walker home was Warrnambool's 50 year old Joy Conlin who slashed ten minutes off last year's time! A profit of \$262 resulted from this community event.

The club participated in the township 'Clean Up Australia Day' co-ordinated by Cr. Alma MacDonald and tackled the bank and surrounds at the swimming pool.

The club presented its first Paul Harris Fellow award to Rotarian Alan Hart at the Thursday, March 19, 1992 meeting. President Bill Barrett read the citation featured in the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Paul Harris Fellow award and it was fair to say Alan was speechless having just arrived from cricket practice and not suspecting a thing!

Another club first was a Garden Expo at the Civic Hall on Friday, April 10 which proved a huge success. The brainchild of Bob Anderson this well attended event received great local support and raised nearly \$1,000 for the club.

Another 'first' followed when Frank Hodgson organised a 4 Ball Best Ball golf tournament on Easter Sunday ( April 19 ) which saw 36 players take part on the beautiful and well prepared course. This Easter golf day has grown into a well patronised Good Friday golf day and brought much pleasure to golfers and raised many dollars for the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal and the Cobden hospital.

Ardno Hereford Stud sale on Friday, May 1st, the last by Clive and Kate McEacheren was a "sizzling" success with 58 bulls averaging \$4,469, the highest in Victoria for any bull sale during the season. Catering for the day netted Rotary \$1,350 an outstanding result.

A mini bus and driver ( Greg Tippett ) was donated by the club to transport mums and youngsters to the Shire's annual Teddy Bear's picnic at Terang. Two students attended RYPEN and Joan and Bernie McQuinn hosted a very successful International night at their home in February.