

1994-95

President	Kevin Johnston
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District Governor	Geoff Tually, Horsham East

R.I. Theme - "Be A Friend"

The year began in a different style with Rotarians and partners being taken on a 'mystery bus trip' to the unknown location of the changeover dinner on a Sunday! The venue – Mackas Farm via a river cruise at Boggy Creek was a great venue and the entertainment from Robyn Edmunds and Phil Bernoth was first class. J.L. Walsh was caught by surprise when presented with a Paul Harris Award by incoming President Kevin topping off a great day of fun and fellowship.

D.G. Geoff and Ella Tually paid a visit very early in the Rotary year and a pleasant Sunday afternoon organised by Joan McQuinn in August featuring the International Harvester Male Choir raised \$425 for both the Miniature Railway and the Cobden Bush Nursing Hospital.

The "Walk for Walgett" organised by President Kevin was an outstanding success with students from both schools raising the fantastic sum of \$16,000 which enabled the Rotary club to bring 40 children from drought stricken Walgett in NSW for a two week holiday in mid November. Community support was magnificent as the children were treated to the very best of our scenery with the ocean proving a hit. This project saw one farming and school community helping another – Rotary at its best.

The December Rotary/Southdown golf day and breakfast catering for Tech school staff were a great success. The pedal car (a red MG) drawn at the Chamber Christmas promotion night netted \$1340.00 for club coffers and was won by Tom Brown of Warrnambool. The spinning wheel netted the handsome profit of \$492.00 on the same night.

Forty three walkers and 18 runners set off down Cross Forest Road in the Annual Fun Run/Walk and finished at Railway Park for the bbq tea and presentations. Steven Page, a previous winner was first runner home and Noelene Richards, another former winner was first walker home.

In a combined meeting of Rotary clubs celebrating R.I.'s 90th birthday at Glenormiston P.P. Stan Coad was presented with a Paul Harris Award by President Kevin.

President Kevin in company with other members attended a meeting of the Victorian Branch of the AALS (Australian Association of Live Steamers) presenting Cobden's case to host the 1997 AALS Convention. The club was successful and also gained the Victorian State run in February 1996. Meanwhile work at Railway Park continued at a great pace as outlined in the Railway report.

Good Friday golf was another success with \$220.00 raised for the Cobden Bush Nursing Hospital and \$212.00 for the RCH Appeal. Mark O'Shea attended RYLA at Kangarooie, Princetown.