

1995-96

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R.I. Theme - "Act With Integrity - Serve With Love - Work For Peace"

Kevin handed over the reins to Peter Daffy at the Cobden Golf Club on Friday July 14, 1995 and two weeks later we welcomed USA exchange student Natalie from Laramie, Wyoming. Natalie attended Cobden Tech during her stay.

D.G. Henry and Isabel Hudson paid the club a visit on September 7 and the following week Rotarians and partners attended the performance Sweet Charity in Warrnambool.

The ladies street stall raised \$224 for the club in early November and was followed by the 3rd Collectables Fair at the Civic Hall three weeks later raising almost \$750. The Lions Club of Simpson and their families visited Railway Park for a bbq and to ride the rails in a night of fun.

State Savings Bank teller Ralph Mogg of Camperdown was the recipient of the Courteous Service Award. The Rotary/Southdown Golf day on Sunday, December 10 and the Good Friday Golf days raised a total of \$919 for club coffers.

Rotarians inducted were Frank and Jocelyn Martin and Max and Pam Wines.

The Christmas dinner was held at the Golf club on Thursday, December 14 and the following week the 3rd Tech school breakfast catering raised almost \$300 thanks to the ladies of Rotary and their friends. Rotary also participated in the Cobden Community Christmas Hamper appeal by donating \$200 worth of canned goods collected from the Ardmona cannery by Max Wines and Ron Merrigan.

The battery powered Jeep drawn at the Chamber of Commerce Christmas promotion evening was won by Joy Hill of Camperdown and raised \$1,250 for the club. The spinning wheel raised a further \$172 as a busy year drew to a close.

The Rotary Clubs of Colac and Colac West visited Railway Park for a barbeque tea and to ride the rails sharing in a night of fun and fellowship. The following Friday exchange student Natalie Ehler ran in the annual Fun Run/Walk.

The new Heytesbury Lodge facility was visited the following week and Saturday, March 9, 1996 provided the highlight of the year when the 30th birthday of the Rotary Club was celebrated at the Sports and Social Club. Many former Rotarians attended to share in this great night of memories and renew old friendships. The meal was catered by the hospital ladies and our 4 charter members – Bill Barrett, Harold and Ian Errey and Ian McArthur were ‘made a fuss of.’ It was a great birthday party and a fit and proper way to recognise 30 years of Service Above Self.

The 4th Garden Expo on Friday, March 22 was a great success raising \$1,300 and the Good Friday Golf on April 3 saw a further \$919 raised. Emma Parlour and Richard Fry attended RYLA at Kangarooobie.

The reign of Jim Walsh as bulletin editor sadly came to a close. Jim had kept us on our toes and our Bulletin contained facts, figures, humour and many stories as Jim had his ‘spies’ everywhere. New Bulletin editor was Frank Martin.

The club lost P.P. Max and Wendy Chisholm to Maroochydore, Queensland after membership of almost 22 years.