

## 1998-99

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**District Governor Ray Welsford, Warrnambool East**

### **R.I. Theme - "Follow Your Rotary Dream"**

The Changeover dinner on Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> had an international flavour with Cobden Connection 'founder' Carla Winters as guest of the club.

The Cobden Connection Rotunda, a joint project with the Quota Club of Cobden was officially opened on Monday, June 29, 1998.

Exchange student Adrian Lenning returned home to Norway in August 1998 and Johannah Ryan flew out to Japan in January 1999.

On Sunday, August 23 a White Elephant Auction in aid of the Papua New Guinea Disaster relief appeal received great support from the local community. A total of almost \$4,000 was raised, an outstanding effort indeed. A further \$1,000 was donated to the Rotary International Balkans Relief appeal.

A night out was spent in September at the performance of "Jesus Christ Superstar" at Warrnambool PAC. The club held its annual Invitational Train run on the Sunday of the Spring Festival as well as selling milkshakes. The AGM breakfast returned to the Cobden roadhouse.

Rotarians manned the barbeque on Thursday, November 12 in Curdie Street to raise funds for 21 week old toddler Kristen Earney of Lakes Entrance, suffering from a very rare complaint – 'Haemangioma' which meant treatment and an operation in the USA. A total of \$440 was raised from the barbeque lunch.

The Vocational Service Awards were presented at the Christmas dinner on Monday, December 21 at the Sports and Social Club and two nights later Rotarians sold Milkshakes at the Chamber Christmas Street promotion night. The pedal car ( a red MG ) was drawn the same night and netted \$2,200 for club funds.

The second New Year's Eve family fireworks spectacular was a great success with the highlight being the Elgas Hot Air Balloon.

Milk shakes and sava were Rotary fare at the Australia Day celebrations in Cobden on January 26, 1999. Thursday night, March 18<sup>th</sup> saw Rotarians take to the roadside participating in their annual Adopt A Highway project.

The annual Fun Run/Walk saw 42 walkers and 38 runners hit Cross Forest Road bitumen running and walking from Naroghid Road to Railway Park. Cooking breakfast for our Senior Citizens was undertaken again in March during Seniors Week.

Good Friday golf saw \$430 raised and split between the RCH and Heytesbury Aged Care Appeals. A night out at Terang trots in late April was a great night of fun and fellowship with partners and friends

Cobden made a sizeable donation of 28 hospital beds and medical equipment to DIK ( Donations In Kind ) which were destined for Pacific Island nations.

Work continued at Railway Park including the construction of the tea rooms and 18 hole mini golf course. Railway Park was the winner of two Rural Pride Awards during the year and the New Year's Eve Family Fireworks spectacular won the Special Community Event category at the inaugural Corangamite Business Achievement Awards in June 1999.

One new member, Glenfyne dairy farmer Robert and Beryl Callaway was inducted into the club during the year.