

1999-2000

President	Bob Anderson
President Elect	Geoff Denney
Secretary	Garry Ross
Treasurer	Kevin Johnston
Directors	Club - Michael Merrett Community - Max Wines Vocational - Frank Martin International - Neil Podger Youth - Gary Kimber Railway - Geoff Denney

District Governor Bruce Ridland, Mt. Gambier

R.I. Theme - "Act With Consistency, Credibility, Continuity"

Bob Anderson was inducted as President at the change over dinner at the Cobden Golf Club on Friday, June 25th and began his year of office in great style when the club hosted nearly 150 Kosovar adults and children from their Puckapanyl camp. In South West Victoria for 2 days to break the tedium of camp life the children loved riding the trains in Cobden.

An International 'Funny Money' night followed in mid July raising \$500 for relief efforts in East Timor with the Quota girls handling the catering in great style.

Our two RYPEN students Jarrod Meade and Aaron Ovens spoke in July.

On Friday, September 3 we hosted the Combined Service Clubs dinner at the golf club when Doug Styles spoke about education today.

The club moved their dinner meeting location from the Civic Hall supper room to the former council chambers, a more comfortable set up.

Rotarians catered for the Tech school 30th anniversary weekend netting a handsome profit on Saturday, October 30th

The annual AGM breakfast was held at the Cobden roadhouse. Former Rotarian and Past President Charlie Oates passed away in December in his early 90's, a true gentleman.

The Mercedes Benz pedal car raffle netted almost \$1,260 for club coffers.

The club Christmas dinner and presentation of Vocational Service awards was held at the Commercial Hotel Camperdown with over 50 present.

Rotary maintained its support and contribution to the annual Community Christmas Hamper Appeal with a donation of tinned foods.

The third New Years Eve family extravaganza saw over 5,000 crowd Railway Park for a great evening of entertainment and to ride the rails.

The 16th Fun Run/Walk on a very hot Friday, February 18 saw just 15 runners and 31 walkers take part.

On Thursday, February 24 the club conducted a "super" clean up at Rotary Park with a huge working bee and followed it with a welcome home meeting the next night to our recently returned student to Japan, Johannah Ryan.

The Adopt A Highway roadside clean up occupied Rotarians on March 16 and members again cooked breakfast for our elderly during Senior Citizens week.

Good Friday golf attracted keen golfers from around the district and raised almost \$300.

Rylarians Johannah and her brother Jonathon Ryan addressed the club at the Thursday, May 11 regular meeting about their experiences at Cave Hill, Beaufort.

The 18 hole Mini golf course was opened to the public at Easter 2000 and later officially opened by P.D.G. Ray Welsford on Sunday 3rd of December 2000. The Buffet Car Tea Rooms were opened the same day by District Governor Bruce Ridland.

More hospital equipment and books were donated to DIK during the year.

The establishment of the Railway Park Committee of Management was an important step in monitoring the progress and planning for the future. The committee met monthly and comprised of executives from Rotary and the S.W.M.E.