

2000-2001

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R.I. Theme - "Create Awareness and Take Action"

Camperdown identity Jim Monk was the guest speaker at the change over dinner on Thursday, June 30th at the Civic Hall when Geoff Denney took over the leadership. A month later on August 10th, Geoff was taken by surprise at a combined dinner with Quota when he was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow award for his many years of total involvement in Rotary and the community.

Another funny money night at the Sports and Social club in July raised \$600 for East Timor with assistance from Quota and C.W.A.

The Spring Festival weekend in October saw the invitational run at Railway Park with nearly 1000 rides being enjoyed. The AGM breakfast was again at the Cobden Motel. Rotary assisted the Corangamite Shire's first Youth Event to be known as "Corefest" at the Camperdown Turf Club. The day featured 8 live Bands, with local Youth Bands getting a chance to perform with headline Bands from Melbourne.

The Christmas dinner and Vocational Service Awards were combined again at Civic Hall Cobden.

The mini golf was officially opened on Sunday, December 3, 2000 by PDG Ray Welsford having been in use since Easter.

Another 'fund raiser' was the packing of Christmas boxes for suppliers at Bonlac. It was hard, consistent and repetitive work but made \$1,000 for the club.

A first was the Christmas Lights bus tours organised by Gary Kimber for Wednesday December 20th and Thursday December 21st when lights in Cobden and Camperdown received the once over and netted just over \$300 for club coffers.

Rotarians sold milk shakes and raffle tickets the following night at the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Street promotion night.

The 4th New Year's Eve Family Fireworks spectacular attracted an estimated 4,500 people to farewell the 20th Century with a Fireworks display at 10.00 pm & again at midnight.

The club learnt that it had received a considerable sum to host and organise the Corangamite Shire Centenary of Federation celebrations in May 2001.

Kevin Johnston led the organising committee and planned matters down to the last detail. Friday, February 16 attracted 40 Walkers and 38 runners in perfect conditions. 1st runner home was Cobden's Kiwi import Allan Jefferson.

Rotary celebrated its 35th birthday at the Civic Hall on Friday, March 9th, 2001 when many former Rotarians returned and former USA exchange student Natalie Ehler from Laramie, Wyoming, USA. Our 4 Charter members Ian and Harold Errey, Bill Barrett and Ian McArthur were present to join in the celebrations.

A week later Rotarians cleaned up the Camperdown roadside in their on going project 'Adopt A Highway' on Thursday, March 15th, 2001. Breakfast was again cooked for the elderly during Senior Citizens Week.

Easter 2001 saw Rotary and the S.W.M.E host their 2nd National AALS Convention. It was a great success with 126 visiting engines and 554 registrants from all over Australia. Once again community support and involvement was outstanding.

Corangamite Shire executive officer Shelley Murrell headed to Zambia/Zimbabwe and Mozambique with the GSE team for a 6 week tour in April/May and spoke of the poverty and hopelessness of aids upon her return. Adam Place was our rep at RYLA 2001 at Cave Hill, Beaufort.

The club participated for the first time in the District Bowelscan project with the Cobden and Timboon pharmacies distributing the kits.

Maintaining a hectic pace Rotarians and the community staged the Shire Centenary celebrations in Cobden on Saturday, May 5th and Sunday the 6th. Thousands enjoyed the Cobden v Camperdown football match and the many historic displays over the weekend in perfect weather.

The club learnt that the hospital ladies would not be able to continue catering in the new Rotary year and a search began for a new caterer. Lorelle Salmon of Terang was chosen as the club's new caterer.

One new member during the year – Allan and Joy MacCaskill and lost two, Ron Merrigan and J.L. Walsh to resignation.

To cap off a sensational year Charter member PP Ian Errey and PP Kevin Johnston were presented with Paul Harris Fellow awards at the changeover dinner in the Civic Hall supper room on Friday, June 29, 2001.