

2001-2002

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| President | Kevin Johnston |
| President Elect | Neil Podger |
| Secretary | Alan Hart |
| Treasurer | Frank Martin |
| Directors | Club - Graham Marchant Community - Max Wines Vocational - Don Rawlings International - Darryl MacLean Youth - Michael Merrett |

District Governor Ron Pickford, Ballarat

R.I. Theme - "Mankind Is Our Business"

Kevin Johnston became the 4th 're cycled' President on June 29th, 2001 when he took over the reins from outgoing President Neil Podger.

The year began on a 'local' note when guest speakers included golf club manager George Readings (Zimbabwe & South Africa), Tech school student Jessica Rankin (Great Industrial Adventure), Rtn Stan Coad (Canada), Rtn Gary Kimber (overseas trip), Tech school Alpine School students, Mortlake Rtn Bob McKenzie (walking along the Hopkins River), Camperdown Rtn Pam Redgewell (Jack Russell Terriers), Trevor Gardner (Ausfeed), Stephen Pafenis (Vet, Simpson), Howard Nicol (CEO Flagstaff Hill), Sue Styles (Tech school recycling program), Bill Barrett (touring China) and Geoff Denney (Rotary Foundation) up to the Christmas Dinner. A great array of talent indeed and good use of local resources.

Recently returned GSE team member Shelley Murrell spoke to the club in July on her trip to Zambia, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

Many visiting engines ran at Railway Park during the Spring Festival weekend in October. RCH Director Christine Unsworth spoke at the October 25th meeting

The Melbourne Welsh Male Choir performed on Saturday November 3rd and funds raised were given to the Cobden and District Health Care Services.

Rotary joined forces with Corangamite Shire again in assisting at Corefest at the Theatre Royal, Camperdown. This FREEZA funded alcohol and drug free entertainment for our youth was a great success and gave them access to music at reasonable cost.

A club first was the holding of a four week Corporate Mini Golf tournament in November with 16 community teams participating. The Vocational Service Awards were presented at the December 6th meeting and the following Friday the Christmas dinner was held. A Christmas lights tour of Camperdown and Cobden took place on 20 December.

New Years Eve saw rain falling during the day and afternoon and although it was wet and operations were wound down to a degree people still flocked to Railway Park. Over 1,000 rides were taken and music and food were provided. It certainly showed the willingness of the public to support Railway Park.

Cobden's Belinda Thorne a very bright young lady attended the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra in January and spoke to the club on March 7.

The 18th Fun Run/Walk on February 15th attracted a total field of 64.

It was a red letter day for Past President Frank Martin and the Rotary club when it was announced that Frank would be leader of the GSE team to the Philippines in March/April 2002. A member of the team was Camperdown electrician and Corangamite Shire Mayor Brendan Ryan. It was a club first and we learnt much about the Philippines from Frank and Brendan who spoke to the club in June, both worthy Ambassadors for Rotary.

In early February Governor John and Lynne Landy visited Corangamite Shire and rode the rails at Railway Park.

In another club first Glenice Coad became the first female member of the club when inducted on February 28, 2002 and was followed by Corangamite Shire Recreational Development Officer Catherine O'Flynn on June 6.

Good Friday golf was another success thanks to Frank Hodgson and his crew. A dinner and tour of Dot and David Newton's Heytesbury Ridge Winery at Cooriemungle on April 11 was a great night out for Rotarians, partners and friends.

The Probus club was formed and sponsored by our Club. Membership was limited to 85 with a waiting list of interested persons. Office Bearers were – President Val Maynard, Secretary Joan McQuinn and Treasurer Fred Wheaton.

The club rep at RYLA, Cave Hill, Beaufort was Camperdown's Mark Cottrill who spoke to the club on May 23. The club participated in Bowelscan for the second year spreading the message of early detection.

The club treated locals to a fireworks display at Easter as a result of the wet New Years Eve. The night was a great success and brought much enjoyment to the huge crowd.

A night to Terang trots on April 26 was enjoyed by all. The Club inducted a third member Paul and Helen Wagner but lost three, all long serving members – Geoff Denny, John Wiggins & Bernie McQuinn.