

2004-2005

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R.I. Theme - "Celebrate Rotary"

Graham Marchant took over Presidency of the club in the year when Rotarians were encouraged to "Celebrate Rotary" during the centenary of Rotary International (23/2/2005).

The opening of the barbeque/rotunda on Sunday, October 17th during the Spring Festival weekend saw a wonderful facility available for patrons. The barbeque/rotunda saw many hours of work under the supervision of Rotarian Kevin Johnston result in a truly functional and magnificent addition to railway park.

The arrival of the Centennial Bell on November 11 delivered by Warrnambool Rotarians saw a meeting of over 60 enjoy a fun filled night when a very modest and surprised Frank Hodgson was presented with a well deserved Paul Harris Fellow award.

Rotarians cleaned up the Camperdown roadside continuing their Adopt A Highway project. The Vocational Service awards were presented at the December 9th meeting and the Christmas dinner was held the following week.

New Year's Eve was another success and almost \$3,000 was collected on the night for the Indonesian Tsunami appeal, a fantastic show of support by the patrons on the night at Railway Park. The pedal car raffle was also drawn on the night .

The 21st Fun Run/Walk saw 98 entries. The first runner home was Cobden Footballer Brad Couch and the first walker Port Campbell's Colin Silcock-Delaney in 44 minutes.

RI celebrated its 100th birthday on Wednesday, February 23rd 2005 and the club held a lunch meeting at Thompson's Hotel to join in the world wide celebrations. Club members were presented with a "RI Centenary" watch and PP Bob Anderson was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow award, a total surprise and charter member PP Ian Errey cut the birthday cake.

The club heard from Dietician Tracey Caire on March 3 prior to her heading to Mexico with the GSE team. Tracey has spoken to the club upon her return.

Members again sold show bags at the Heytesbury show which proved to be a financial winner.

The club hosted the delightful Belgian GSE team at the Civic Hall on Monday April 4 with over 60 present including DG Cathy and John Roth. It was a wonderful night of fun and fellowship.

The club learnt that our two overseas exchange student applicants Bethany Errey and Clair Duynhoven had gained selection for 2006. It was later learnt that Clair was going to Thailand and Bethany to Ontario, Canada.

Guest speakers during the year included Val Maynard (CWA Literacy Program), Dallas & Heather Petrie (Cobden Skate park), Phillip Robertson (USA air show), James Green (the Kokoda track) and Louise McRae (Shire Health Services). Studentship awards were still being presented to Cobden Tech, Primary School and Hampden Specialist School students.

A large number of books, computers, shoes etc from the Cobden community were taken to the Geelong DIK (Donations In Kind) depot plus approximately 100 chairs from the Colac club per Neil Podger's truck and trailer.

During the year members voted to change to a two course meal – mains and sweets in summer and mains and soup in winter.

The Sergeants at Arms –Garry Ross and Alan Hart extracted \$488-25 in fines during the year. Two new members – Calvin and Betty Muller and Raelene and Rob Munro were inducted.