

**2006 – 2007**

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<b>R I Theme</b>	<b>“Lead the Way”</b>

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**Glenice Coad took over the reins of the Rotary Club of Cobden feeling very apprehensive about her ability to ‘do the job’, but thanks to the excellent back-up that is available in our Club we managed to do a reasonable job after all.**

**We started the year by attending the RYLA dinner at Kangarooie. This is a wonderful Rotary program that teaches young people to be ‘the best they can be’.**

**We participated in the Bowelscan program; completed a BBQ shelter and storeroom at Railway Park; donated \$1000 to Cobden & District Health Services and catered for the Senior Citizens Breakfast during Seniors Week.**

**October was a busy month with the Cobden Spring Festival, Corefest and selling Pedal Car raffle tickets at the Warrnambool Show as well as roundabout the district. Two highlights of the month were the visit by the Melbourne Welsh Male Voice Choir and catering for ‘Pete’s Walk’ – a group who walked from Bacchus Marsh to Portland, via Geelong to honour a friend who had died suddenly from a brain tumour and to raise money for research into brain cancer.**

**The Vocational Awards were well supported and awards were presented for Customer Service, Pride in Performance and Excellence in Traineeship or Apprenticeship.**

**Our New Years Eve celebrations were a resounding success once again with 5000 – 6000 people of all ages enjoying the entertainment and activities on offer. With fund-raising on the evening and some of our own funds, as well as the generosity of Whites Wires and Martins Home Timber & Hardware, we were able to purchase 800 star pickets for distribution to those farmers in the Stony Rises who had lost fencing in the bushfires.**

**We assisted with catering for the Victorian Sprint Kart Championships that were held in Cobden this year; we also assisted with registrations at District 9780 Conference in Warrnambool and sold Show Bags at Heytesbury Show.**

**In the New Year we instated a 'getting to know you' segment, in which a member gave a short account of life up 'til we got to know them. It was an interesting exercise because everyone has a story to tell.**

**We welcomed our exchange student Bethany Errey back from her year in Canada, a year in which she grew into a confident young lady. Unfortunately Clair Duynhoven who went to Thailand had to return early due to illness.**

**We have answered the usual calls for help with donations to various organizations. The most noted donation was of 4 Shelter Boxes. These boxes contain shelter and cooking pots, etc for 10 people who have lost their homes through floods, earthquakes or other disasters.**

**Our programs have been varied with trips to Nepal, Morocco, China, New Zealand, Europe and on a South American Cruise as well as a ride on the Ghan, all through the travels of our members and others. We visited 3CS/MixxFM, played indoor bowls and we had great night with the Terang Club in the Mini Golf Challenge.**

**It has been a great year, certainly the best I have had in Rotary so far; the major highlight for me was the induction of 2 new members Mark Towner in December and Jeff Maynard in May. Unfortunately we lost secretary Gay Loftus when she moved to Tasmania.**