

1962-1963 George Mayne

In 1962, the most popular film was: The Longest Day (this film focuses on the D-Day landings in World War 2 at Normandy) with Mel Ferrer, Rod Steiger, George Segal, Sean Connery, Henry Fonda, Richard Burton, Peter Lawford and many other well-known actors at the time. The most popular song was Misserlou by Dick Dale.



ROTARIAN GEORGE MAYNE
President 1962 — 63

In 1962-1963, the new President was George Mayne. The District Governor for the year was also Bendigo Club member, Ernest Granger. Consequently, both DG Ernest and President George challenged members to get behind them to ensure the District Conference was an enormous success. The members of the Club certainly did not disappoint them as the Conference was truly memorable.

District Governor Ernest, the following year, was appointed as the Rotary International Counsellor for Australia.

During the 1960's and 1970's it was common for employers and employees to lock horns in volatile disputes about wages and conditions. Consequently, the Club often invited speakers who were well informed about improving employer-employee relationships to be the guest speaker at luncheons.

The Club encouraged local employees to attend such luncheons. For example, the President and the Secretary of Bendigo Trades Hall were asked to attend and to invite employees along to listen to a renowned speaker. Members of the Club were also encouraged to bring their employees to such meetings.

The purpose of having both employees and employers in the same room at such events was, for both sides, to gain a greater understanding of constructive ways both parties can improve their relationship.

Apart from inviting the speakers, the Club always encouraged individuals with different views to attend a Fireside Meeting. The purpose of such chats was to enable individuals to simply learn more about each other's personal interests in a friendly environment.



The Club sent letters to all local schools to inform them that members were happy to assist students with exploring their career choices. Students would be invited to inspect places of employment and business houses. Consequently, improving their knowledge of what local employers are looking for from young people.

Rotary International had only introduced Interact into high schools for senior students. The Club began planning to introduce Interact into local schools with undertaking a survey whether there was support for Interact in Bendigo.

The City of Bendigo's Mayor appealed to President George and members to assist at the Mayor's Picnic for senior citizens. The members of the Club did everything possible to ensure the picnic was enjoyed by all that attended.



The Club also assisted with the Modern & Better Living exhibition held in City Hall. Members raised 482/12/11 (Pounds, Shillings, and Pence). The Mannequin Parade held, also raised another 142 Pounds. Consequently, the money from both events was donated to the YMCA, YWCA, Police Citizens Youth Club, and the Welfare Society for the Oak Street Aged Care facility. *(156/3/3 was donated equally to the four organisations).*

Members of the Club also door knocked for Red Cross and Freedom from Hunger.



President George spoke on BCV8 on the: Be My Guest Show. He spoke about the importance of the Four Way Test in his life. How adopting the Four Way Test can influence every thought and action.

The Four Way Test was also published in newspapers and advertised on 3BO. A framed copy of the Four Way Test was displayed behind the podium whenever the President and Guest speakers spoke.



Every member of the Club supported the Rotary Foundation. Members donated \$2 (1 Pound) of their subs to the Rotary Foundation.

Members were encouraged to nominate suitable young people to apply for Rotary Foundation scholarships. Hence, members would be able to clearly see and understand how donating to the Foundation can benefit others.



Rotary Youth Exchange Australia

One Rotary Exchange student was sent to New York. One Philippines student, after enjoying their Twelve month stay in Bendigo, returned at the end of the Rotary year. Two Bendigo students also returned from Twelve months in the Philippines.



During the year, the Axedale Camp accommodated 1600 campers. Two new stoves and a hot water unit were installed in the kitchen.

Maintenance work ensured the water taken from the river improved. Also, maintenance was undertaken to the toilets and showers.

New beds were purchased and 60 trees that were planted previously were maintained.

Other highlights were:

- John Henderson built a new Banner Board. The flags of countries members had visited as Rotarians, or the Club had established close ties with, hung along the top of the Board. Goodwill tokens received from other Rotary Clubs filled the Board.
- Members attended a fundraising movie night at the Golden Drive In.
- The Club raised funds for District Governor's Ernest's India Appeal.
- Membership had now reached 80.