

# 1981-1982 Keith Scarlett

The most popular film in 1981 was Raiders of the Lost Ark with Harrison Ford and Karen Allen. The most popular song was Don't You Want Me by Human League.

In 1981, the new President of the Rotary Club was Keith Scarrott. Keith's passion in life was to assist young people obtain their goals. His classification was Education, Teacher Training. The issue that caused him most concern in Bendigo was youth unemployment.

In Keith's year as President, the Art Show experienced an incredible increase in sales. When you analyse the figures: you will notice a 29.1% increase in paintings sold (a 28.9 profit increase) and of the 1206 paintings on show, 430 of them were sold (35%). You may be forgiven for thinking that this may have been a result of the quality of the Artwork dramatically improving.

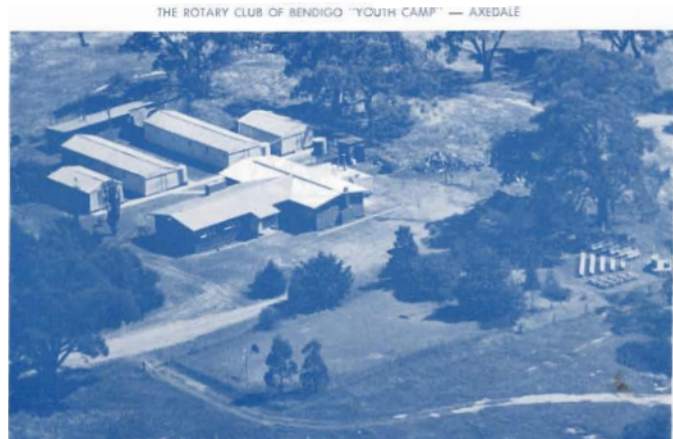


Interestingly, there was an important change in purchasing habits that more than likely explains the jump in sales: The introduction of Bankcard. The majority of the sales were made by Bankcard. Buy now, pay later!

Pottery sales, on the other hand, did unfortunately go down by 13.2%.

When the Art Show Committee reviewed the Art Show, they felt the Artwork on display was close to capacity for the venue. Hence, the total number of Artworks entered in the future would have to be capped. Furthermore, the Club should not accept pottery from commercial potteries or potters.

At the Youth Camp, there were capital works undertaken worth \$15,000. New tanks were installed, new beds were purchased and piping for the shower blocks had to be replaced.



One positive was funds were coming from the Catering Service. Regardless, the state of the cabins and buildings had become such a problem, the Club had to employ a retired carpenter to make major renovations.

The kitchen, for example, had to be renovated to ensure it met required health standards. Extensive work had to be immediately undertaken with the cabins, otherwise, the only choice would be to have them all replaced.



Rotarians enjoyed a number of events during the year. There was a Rotating Dinner and Xmas Party at the Persian Room. A Xmas Open House with

President Keith. Also, a Sunday luncheon at Mitchelton Winery followed by a visit to the Chateau Tahbilk.

Furthermore, they held a joint weekend event with Melbourne South Rotary Club. The two clubs had a joint dinner at the A.N.A. Also, they both attended a tourist program, followed by a barbecue at the Youth Camp.

There was a combined Games Night with Bendigo-Strathdale Rotary Club. Also, 2 Lawn Bowls events held with Bendigo South, Bendigo-Strathdale and Eaglehawk Rotary Clubs.



### **Other highlights:**

The Club hosted a G.S.E team from Iowa, U.S.A.

The Melbourne Rotary Club joined members at a luncheon in February. The Club visited their Club in June.

Val Moyle and Jim Mahoney started selling Xmas Puddings and Garden Diaries as part of the Additional Projects Committee.

Apart from a Career Information event, the Club also held Mock Interviews for students to assist them with their interview skills. The Regional Office of Education and the Bendigo Region Careers Association also assisted.

Close to \$20,000 was given to benefit local projects. For example, the Youth Camp (\$6,000), the Easter Fair (\$3,000), The S.E.S (\$2,200 for Jaws of Life), The Music Centre (\$1,300 for an electric piano), and a Drinking Fountain for Hargreaves Mall (\$470).

Given the President's concern regarding youth unemployment, a number of speakers during the year covered subjects relating to the unemployment crisis, and programs available that work to eliminate youth unemployment.



President Keith when he was inducted by Past President, Daryl Watts.

