



1985-1986

Joe O'Sullivan

In 1985 the most popular film was Back to the Future with Micael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd and Lea Thompson. The most popular song was Power of Love by Jennifer Rush.

In 1985, the new President of the Rotary Club of Bendigo was Joe O'Sullivan. President Joe's focus for the year was to celebrate The Diamond Jubilee and to introduce the Peer Support Programme into schools.

On July 30, the Diamond Jubilee was celebrated with PP Frank Newman from the Melbourne Rotary Club (sponsor of our Club) as the guest speaker on the subject of: Keep Rotary Simple. President Peter Parkin, on behalf of Melbourne Rotary Club, presented Bendigo Rotary with a diamond studded President's badge to mark the occasion.

Rotary club's formation celebrated

Bendigo Rotary Club, the second to be formed in Victoria, celebrated its diamond jubilee at a lunch attended by about 200 people yesterday.

Past district governor and guest speaker, Mr Frank Newman, chose the theme "Keep Rotary Simple" for his address.

Mr Newman said members should not price Rotary beyond the reach of future Rotarians.

The financial cost of being a Rotarian was reaching a limit, he said.

Mr Newman urged members to take greater interest in current issues, stressing they did not have to side with political platforms.

The local club's history stems back to an inaugural lunch attended by seven members in March, 1925.

● RIGHT: Melbourne Rotary Club president, Mr Peter Parkin (left), presented the club's president, Mr H. O'Sullivan (centre), with a diamond inset badge. Also pictured (from left) are Mr Norm Oliver, Mr Frank Newman and celebration chairman, the club's senior past president, Mr Bob Tretheway.



In October, there was a golf, tennis, and family day at the Axedale Recreation Park, followed by a barbecue lunch. On Melbourne Cup Day, there was a breakfast held with the Bendigo Strathdale Rotary Club at the Bendigo Club.

Later in the month, members were invited to the home of the President of the Melbourne South Rotary Club (John and Lyn Gradie) for a joint family barbecue lunch with Melbourne South members.

In a first for District 9800, five Clubs held a joint meeting. The 5 Rotary Clubs of Bendigo held a joint meeting in support of The Rotary Foundation on November 21.

The Xmas Party was held at the Golden Mills Motel. An Annual Bowls Night was held with all the other local Rotary Clubs participating. Furthermore, members undertook 4 Inter-Club visits to different Clubs in the District.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO "YOUTH CAMP" — AXEDALE



There were 2 camps this year for students that were from financially disadvantaged families. The Community Care Committee held a Xmas Party for 46 children with an intellectual disability.

There were 3 Nissan Huts from the Ordinance Factory that were renovated for occupation. Inner Wheel furnished the huts. Ms Birrell and Thelma Dingle were especially mentioned for their contribution. The opening of the new huts was officiated by President Joe.



A new boiler was purchased, and an evaporative cooler was installed in the kitchen. The old mower at the Youth Camp was replaced. There was also tree planting undertaken. Importantly, George Jennings developed an up-to-date emergency plan for the Youth Camp.



Other highlights:

The Additional Projects Committee obtained \$1,000 of free advertising. Also, \$2,000 sponsorship for the introduction of the Peer Support Program to be introduced in East Loddon P-12 school.

A raffle was also introduced for the very first time into the Art Show which raised \$1,950. In all, the Art Show raised \$15,126 for Club projects.

The Club co-sponsored a Junior Tennis Tournament with 180 participating.

Garry Gunnell began interviews to select a Year 11 student to attend next year's Summer Science School.

Three members and their wives flew to Canada to attend past Exchange Student, Alison Jack's wedding.

Ken Hesse obtained 36 years of 100% attendance.

DISTRICT 980
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

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Back Row (l. to r.) — Stan Quin, Barry Penna, Robert Iser, Brian Doherty, Ray Clegg, Bruce Perrin, Bruce Williamson
Front Row (l. to r.) — Denis Potter, Allan Thomas, Ron Ruff, Joe O'Sullivan, Peter Joseph, Val Moyle, Keith Scarrott