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On 11 November 1975, the Governor-General sacks the Whitlam Government for refusing to resign or to advise an election after failing to obtain Supply.

Football matches were telecast in colour, following the official launch of colour television in Australia on March 1, 1975. The centre square replaced the centre diamond (which had been used throughout the 1973 and 1974 [VFL](#) seasons).

Players, for the first time, were subjected to video evidence at the tribunal. North Melbourne won the Grand Final by 55 points. The match was attended by 110,551 spectators. North Melbourne became the last of the 12 VFL teams to win a flag.



50 years ago, on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Club's history, the former youngest mayor of Bendigo in 1967-68, Warren Cambridge, becomes President of our Club.

During the year, President Warren had a remarkably busy year. There was much to commemorate and celebrate with the Rotary Club of Bendigo reaching 50 years of service to the community.

One of the first tasks President Warren undertook was he presented to the City of Bendigo a Golden Jubilee Floral Talking Clock.



Furthermore, Warren and members knew what an important opportunity it was to inform the local Bendigo community of the contribution the Club had made locally and internationally. As a result, Charles Alexander wrote of the first 50 years of our Club's history which was carefully secured by keeping it in a bank vault. The 40-page condensed version of our history has become an invaluable asset to the Club ever since.

The Bendigo Advertiser highlighted the anniversary with an 8-page supplement of the history of not only the Rotary Club of Bendigo, but how Rotary first begun with a story about our founder, Paul Harris.

A wonderful highlight during the year was the Golden Jubilee Dinner Ball which was held at Bendigo City Hall to celebrate the event. 348 guests attended the event. Among many of prominent dignitaries that were invited, The President of the Rotary Club of Melbourne and his wife attended along with 26 members

Approximately, \$12,000 was raised during the year from fundraising events such as the Art Show, Walkabout, Carols by Candlelight, and the White Elephant Auction. Apart from the donation to the City of Bendigo, Bendigo Legacy, SCOPE and Kalianna were some of the organizations that benefited from the fundraising.

The Club had 103 members. Member, Ray Downey, was nominated by the Club and was successful in being appointed District Governor for the 1977-78 year.