

# 1944-1945 Ern B Pederick

The most popular Australian film in the period was: Kokoda Front Line (made in 1942). It was a newsreel about the Kokoda Track campaign. The documentary was filmed by Australian war photographer, Damien Parer and directed by Ken G Hall. It won an Academy Award and an Oscar for best documentary. The most popular film in 1944 overall was the musical comedy: Going my Way with Bing Crosby and Barry Fitzgerald. The most popular song for the year was: Swinging On a Star, by Bing Crosby.



**D-Day begins on June 6. It is the beginning of the end of the Second World War in Europe.**

In Bendigo, the new President in 1944/45 was Ern B Pederick. President Pederick did not complete his year as the Education Department transferred him to Melbourne and PP George Hibbard became the Acting President.



### **Garden Week**

During this time, Garden Week was a very important event on the Club's calendar. Not only did the Club cover any costs that organisers could not pay, but the Club also assisted with organising judges and competitions.

Other ways the Club assisted Garden Week was by suggesting improvements and awarding prizes to winners during the week at a Club Luncheon.



### **Youth Week**

Youth have always been a focus for our Club since 1925. This year the Shell Company provided a picture show for students at the Lyric Theatre.

During the year, the Club also provided trophies for the Swimming Club.

## **Highlights and Memorable Events**

- Colonel Karl Baldwin from the United States Army was a guest speaker at the Club.
- The Club held a special meeting to celebrate the end of the War.
- The Board started the conversation that Rotary Wheel signage be placed on the entrance to Bendigo to welcome people to our city.
- With the campaign of Save the Forests becoming prominent in the community, the Club sought more information of which areas and what type of trees could be planted by members in the future.
- Members continued to support the St Aiden's Orphanage with holding a special event with the Highland Pipe Band to entertain the residents. Sweets and ice creams were distributed to all the children.
- Members assisted with holding the annual Easter Fair.
- A picnic was held for all the residents of the Toddler's Home.
- A bowls match was held with the Castlemaine Rotary Club.

## **Donations**

- Even though the Club closed the Prisoners of War Fund, a large amount of money was provided to George Lansell to assist with the Returned Soldiers Appeal.
- The Toddler's Home continued to receive new shoes from the Club.
- The Club provided 6 hampers to the Australian Comfort Fund.
- A Bowls Match was held with Legacy to raise money for the Red Cross.
- Much talk at Board level focused on how the Club could assist a Relief Ship for War Torn Europe. 5 Tonne of clothing was provided.
- The Club provided funds to local families suffering from the loss of family members through the Distress Fund Appeal.

## ROTARY VISIT TO ST. AIDAN'S

The Rotary Club's annual treat at St. Aidan's Orphanage was an outstanding success. The president of the club (Mr. E. B. Pederick) expressed the pleasure of Rotary members at being present, and gave best wishes for the festive season to his listeners. Members of the Community Service Committee, headed by Cr. E. Granger, distributed ice cream and sweets to the children. A concert part, under the leadership of Mr. G. Krost, contributed items.

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### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GARDEN WEEK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER 1944.

Present. President Rotarian E.B.Pederick.  
Secretary " R.H.Trethewey.  
" A.H.Jones.  
" J.V.Schenck.  
" R.George.

Rotarian J.V.Schenck moved that we refrain from having another Garden Week ~~in~~ Autumn 1946. Seconded by Rotarian A.H.Jones and carried. *A.H.Jones*

Rotarian A.H.Jones mentioned the fact that he thought the Kerang Horticultural Society may loan fittings for any flower show we may arrange in the future if tactfully approached.

It was recommended that any future competition be known as Rotary Garden Week and not "Clean the City" Competition.

That "Footpath to gutter" be not included in the Garden Competition but, if warranted, to be run as a special section of the Competition.

That the competition be run in sections according to size of property.

That final judging be done by independent judge outside the City of Bendigo who shall be asked to give a comment on each section, and also supply a copy to each entrant.

That a copy of the judging points be incorporated in the entry form.

That 100 points be allotted for the vegetable section.

Signatures of visitors to the Club from 1926 to June, 1944  
(see History Files).

