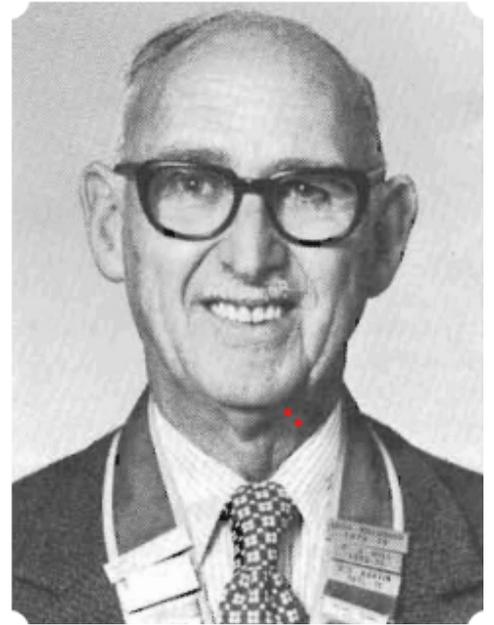


1976-77 Murray Adams

In 1976, the favourite movie in the cinemas was Taxi Driver. The most popular song in Australia was Fernando by ABBA.

The new President of the Rotary Club of Bendigo in 1976 was Murray Adams. President Adams focus for the year was on fellowship and fundraising.



To President Adams credit, he was able to combine both fellowship and fundraising successfully.

During the year, the Club held: two Progressive Dinners, a fellowship get-together at a Maldon restaurant, a Cheese and Wine-tasting night and a Xmas barbecue.

Furthermore, the Gymkhana/Trotting Trial held at Lord's Raceway proved popular and a major fundraiser. Likewise, the Golf Day, Bowls Day and Picture Night held at the Golden Drive-In Theatre.



President Murray introduced in his year, Youth Leadership Awards. This has continued to the present day. Four Rotarians during the year also held 'mock job interviews' with students to assist a Community Support Project.

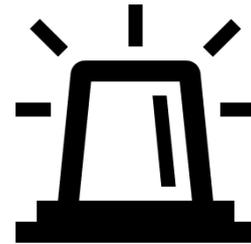
The Club also assisted with an extensive survey to collect research to help the Bendigo Regional Council for Technical Education (TAFE). Furthermore, members assisted the CES with the distribution of important information for students.



Safety in the community was also a focus during the year. Safety hints for the general community appeared regularly in the Bendigo Advertiser.

No doubt, highlighting that Rotary, as a community organisation, are concerned for the overall safety of the wider community.

Also, in conjunction with the Lions, the Club embarked on fitting TOC H emergency lights to the homes of elderly residents to alert others that the resident inside needs emergency assistance.



President Murray organised that the Club contribute funds to sponsor a school student from Bolivia.

The exchange student for the year was from Japan, the new student that arrived in April was from Thailand and a local Bendigo student chosen to send overseas in the following Rotary year.

The Axedale Camp was improved. For example, work was undertaken to improve the efficiency of the camp pump.



President Murray could clearly see that the maintenance of the camp was draining Club funds and he sought assistance from the State Government with a government grant to keep the camp well maintained.

Other highlights for the year were:

- Ray Downey preparing to be the new District Governor for the following year.
- Ken Hesse obtaining a 100% attendance for 27 years in a row.

During the year the ages of all members was collated to understand which age groups the Club needed to focus on:

1. 16 members were between 30-40
2. 33 members 40-50
3. 15 members 50-55.
4. And, 50 members were over 55.

Whilst it was a memorable year of much fun for members, President Murray achieved his overall goal to also donate significant funds to assist community groups both overseas and locally.

Over \$11,000 was donated during the year.

The main beneficiaries of funds (apart from the Youth Camp) were Bendigo Scouts, Bendigo Trust Tram Shelter, Bendigo Rowing Club, St Laurence Court and Miiridong.

