

1986-87 Val Moyle

The number one film in 1986 was Top Gun, followed by Crocodile Dundee. The number one song in Australia was Chain Reaction by Diana Ross.

The President of the Rotary Club in 1986/7 was Val Moyle. 'Rotary brings Hope' was Rotary's theme for the year and President Val certainly undertook that theme very seriously.



A speaker (Ray Foley) from Kangaroo Flat Rotary, spoke at a Meeting about the trip he undertook to an island Mission. A Rotary program called FAIM (RAWCS), encouraged Rotarians to join other Rotary volunteers in a developing country for the purpose of introducing positive outcomes on the ground. Consequently, bringing hope to local communities that not only lacked the funds, but also the skills to develop something on the ground to benefit the whole community.



The talk by Ray had a real impact on not only President Val, but all the members of the Club. A community event was organized in Rosalind Park to not only inform everyone that attended what the aims of Rotary were, but also the work undertaken by communities on the ground in developing countries. Displays of the work of FAIM and Polio Plus had a positive impact on those that attended. A total of \$260 was donated by the community demonstrating their support for such Rotary programs.

Within the year, when President Val had enough funds to assist Polio Plus, he donated \$5,000. He also renewed the Club's financial support for a child in Bolivia. Furthermore, through IPAC, provided financial support for 2 orphans living in Indonesia. The scheme in Indonesia was managed on the ground by The Salvation Army. As a result, the children received schooling, a birthday and Xmas gift each year.

President Val's main aim for the year was to increase fellowship and strengthen human relationships within the Club. Val understood that while community work does bring benefit to communities, members also need fellowship events that can strengthen closer relationships for all members within the Club.



Consequently, President Val and Chair of Fellowship, Barry Penna, focused strongly on new fellowship ideas during the year. An innovation for the year was the holding of an International Food Night which continues to this day. Likewise, a new event based on Trivia Pursuit was introduced for the very first time.

Committee member, Brian Doherty, organised a Mystery Trip event for not only members, but the widows/widowers of past members. This was enjoyed by all, and members strongly felt this event should continue every year.



President Val was no different to any President within our history and held a strong belief we need to focus on our leaders of tomorrow.

Several apprentices were interviewed from a broad range of trades for the Ern Granger Award. This year the Club awarded the coveted award to apprentice, Anne Stephenson. Her field of expertise was Gardening.

During the year, the Club sponsored a very successful Bendigo Junior Tennis Association Tournament. The Youth Committee were thrilled on hearing the news and to demonstrate their appreciation to President Val, they organised and conducted a camp at the Youth Camp for children

from a financially disadvantaged background. Youth leaders from the YMCA supervised the activities and the Bendigo Rotaract Club members cooked for the children attending.



Back Row (l. to r.) — Barry Penna, Allan Thomas, Lloyd Jones, Ray Clegg, Graham Searle, Alan Day, Keith Scarratt
Front Row (l. to r.) — John Cooper, Evan Trevorsh, Ron Ruff, Val Moyle, Jack Rowe, Peter Joseph, Joe O'Sullivan.