

1958-1959 Rae Campagnolo

In 1958, the most popular film was: South Pacific, a romantical musical film with Mitzi Gaynor, Ray Walston and Rosanna Brazzi. The most popular song for the year was: Tom Dooley by Kingston Trio.



In 1958, the President of the Rotary Club was Rae Campagnolo. As the year progressed, President Rae became seriously ill and Incoming President, Hal Moors, had to fill his shoes. Very sadly, President Rae never did recover and passed away in 1959 after his year as President ended. Acting President, Hal Moors, was able to present Rae with his Past President badge before he passed away.

President's Rae's two priorities for the year were: International Relations and the Youth Camp.



Most Presidents like to make 'some changes' to the Club to ensure the Club continues to improve for the benefit of members and the community overall. For example, President Rae was very keen on ensuring that at meetings, all

visitors and members were warmly welcomed. Furthermore, he always encouraged members to sit at different tables each week to discourage cliques from forming at the meetings.



During the year, Fireside Meetings were held for the purpose of new members learning about the inside story of Rotary. At such a meeting, a new member is also encouraged to ask any question they like about Rotary. The President and a small cohort of long-term members answer any queries they have.

President Rae also endeavoured, if possible, to hold meetings at the workplaces of members. For example, given there were a few members from the YMCA, a meeting was held there.

During the year, a father son/daughter luncheon was held. On this occasion, the speakers all focused on youth issues.

President Rae was enthusiastic about the work of Rotary and encouraged members to be speakers for other Clubs about The Rotary Foundation, Rotary International and how to form a new Rotary Club.

Progress was also made with forming a new Rotary Club in the Bendigo Region. To inform the community about the work of Rotary, members were asked to drop copies of Rotary magazines at libraries they visited throughout regional Victoria.



Two prominent speakers during the year were the Secretary to the High Commissioner of India, A. J Ajani, who spoke about India's Foreign Policy. Also, Fletcher Jones from Warrnambool, who

spoke at a luncheon about: The Vital Factor in Industry. For example, concrete examples of how to make improvements in business by introducing professional practices and how to develop stronger relationships.

With International Relations high on his list of priorities, President Rae authorised the sponsoring of 3 migrant children from a diverse environment to assimilate (government policy at the time) with Australian children at a sea-side Camp.

President Rae not only continued international correspondence between our Club and Clubs overseas, but also encouraged Bendigo students to develop penfriends in other English-speaking countries. Furthermore, wards living in other countries continued to be supported and receive correspondence.

Asian students, from Melbourne, were invited to Bendigo to spend a weekend with students from the School of the Mines.



Locally, 200 students were taken to local employers for students to understand more about what employers are looking for from young people joining their company.

The Club invited the School of Mines students to visit Agricultural industries and develop relationships with Rotarians in this industry. Hence, some students obtaining a casual job over the Xmas break.



President Rae's other priority for the year was the Youth Camp. As a result, the kitchen was reequipped with cooking and serving facilities. The stove was rebuilt, the basketball court extended, and the gates improved on the entrance to the Youth Camp.

During the year, the Y-Service Club provided free labour to build an Outdoor Chapel. (The Club paid for the materials).

The overall result was that 1800 campers attended Axedale during the year.