

1930-1932 Warren Tredinnick



The most popular film from 1930 was the well-known, World War 1 classic: All Quiet on the Western Front. The most popular song for 1930 was: Happy Days Are Here Again by Ben Selvin.



A Dole Queue in the 1930's

As we now enter the 1930's it is important to realize what was happening at the time. In 1929 the Stock Market crashed, and The Great Depression began. Apart from dire economic times for the world, we would eventually see World War 2 begin. We had to wait until the 1950's before we could witness good economic times again.

Let us now look at the Rotary Club of Bendigo and how the beginning of the Great Depression affected the Club. The President for 1930/31 (and 1931/32) was Warren Tredinnick.

Meetings

At the time, it was normal practice for the Club to toast another Rotary Club, particularly if the Club had some link of some kind, or a member had visited in the past. It was also quite common for the Club to receive or send goodwill messages to other Rotary Clubs in Australia, or other parts of the world. For example, the Club received goodwill messages and cards from Basle and Paris (where MLC George Lansell had visited) and sent goodwill messages to Geelong, Wagga and Honolulu.

Membership started at 40 and did not decline by the end of the year. The Club held 39 luncheons and had a 6- week recess over Xmas and the New Year. This is a dramatic drop in meetings from our first 2 or 3 years.

Extension Committee



The expansion for Rotary in the District was affected. Despite there being fruitful past discussions with the formation of Rotary Clubs in Castlemaine, Echuca and Kerang, it was decided, based on interviews the Club conducted, the present times were not favourable to start new Rotary Clubs.

Boys and Girls Week



Despite the difficult times, Boys and Girls Week was a success. The Mayor, Councillor Taylor, officially opened the Exhibition of Hobbies at the Bendigo School of Mines. Furthermore, the Legacy Club joined the Club with holding a joint luncheon during the week.

A highlight for the week was the demonstration by Girl Guides and Boys Scouts held at the Show Grounds.

Rotary Conference held in Bendigo



A Rotary Conference during the year was held in Bendigo with members from Melbourne, Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo attending.

Discussion topics led by members of the different Clubs were:

- Ethical relationship between Buyer and Seller.
- A Rotarian's duty in Public Life.
- How best to extend Rotary Fellowship?
(Copies of talks in History Records)

Those that did attend thoroughly enjoyed the Conference. However, numbers were very low despite several letters sent from the Club appealing for more Rotarians to attend.

Presentations during the Year

- IPP Jeffrey received a Case of Cutlery in appreciation for his year as President.
- A Paper Weight consisting of mounted specimens of gold was presented to Rotarian Charles Handschin returning to Switzerland.
- Geelong Rotary Club presented an aluminium Rotary Wheel to our Club with each spoke of the wheel with a name of the 6 Presidents who held office. The Rotary Wheel was made by Geelong Rotarian, Brown.

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ROTARY AT BENDIGO. District Governor Entertained. BENDIGO, Thursday.

The mayor (Councillor Taylor) entertained the district governor of Rotary (Dr L Mitchell) on his first official visit to Bendigo at a civic reception today. The mayor said that the principle underlying Rotary was purity in commerce. He commended the fine community work of the local club.

Dr Mitchell, referring to the work of the club among the children, said that it was good to impress upon children high ideals of service

The president of the club (Mr W. Tredinnick) welcomed Dr Mitchell at the club luncheon.

Among the guests were the mayor and Mr M. J. Canny (railway superintendent of passenger traffic).

Dr. Mitchell speaking of the ethics of Rotary, said that many of the evils in trade were disappearing and a much higher standard was being observed. The team spirit that pervaded Rotary was unique.

Rotary work among children helped them to become valued citizens and to cultivate civic pride.



Group of Rotary club of Bendigo mid-1930s.

Back row. Right to left: 2nd row. 3rd row.
Mr H. Puntow Mr. W. Bloomfield ?
? 2 ? H. S. Catling
? 3 Oscar Flight ? Mr Freeman.
? 4 F. Levy Mr Taylor
? 5 ? ?
? 6

7 HMLeggo
Front row Right to left: 8
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Mr Bush 10.
? Mr Godfrey Zathoin.
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