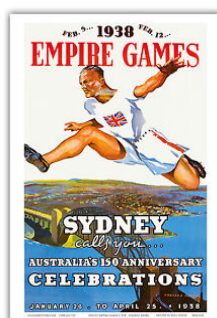


1938 – 1939 (September 30)



In 1938, the British Empire Games were held in Sydney. At the end of the Games, Australia led the medal tally.

The VFL had 12 teams of 18 players and one substitute. A record crowd of 96,486 spectators watched Carlton beat Collingwood by 15 points.

Hitler marches into Austria. Britain, France, and Italy agree to let Germany partition Czechoslovakia.

President Tom H McNaught

During the year, President McNaught had a busy year with respect to mainly focusing on youth before War was declared with Germany and Italy. The Club contributed to Youth Week with a National Fitness Campaign. Members of the Club encouraged local doctors and dentists to provide lectures to student at our local schools.

Significant assistance (or funds) was given to aid the Children's Library Committee, Bendigo Easter Fair, Boy Scouts, the Bush Fire Appeal, and the Traveller's Club Committee. The Club also staged a Xmas concert to entertain the children at St Aiden's Orphanage.

When the International Mozart Boys' Choir visited Bendigo, the President encouraged members of the Club to entertain all the choir members to ensure they all felt welcome.

The highlight for many members of the Club was when the Governor General, Lord Gowrie, attended the Rotary Ball to raise money for the Agriculture Society. Also, the significant assistance the Club contributed with forming the Rotary Club of Swan Hill.

Membership during the year increased from 52 – 55.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

Governor General, Lord Gowrie



Bendigo Town Hall 1939

