

1948-1949 Albert Hedley Jones

The most popular film in 1948 was *The Snake Pit*. It is a psychological drama starring Olivia de Havilland and Mark Stevens. A woman finds herself in an asylum and cannot work out how she got there. The favorite song for the year was *The Anniversary Song* by Al Jolson and Bing Crosby.



Albert Hedley Jones becomes the President of the Rotary Club of Bendigo. President Jones had a strong relationship with the Young Farmers Association. Headley was extremely focused ensuring good fellowship occurred at Club meetings.



Inner Wheel raised another eighty pounds for the Youth Camp. Their assistance was invaluable with not only funding, but also their work to make improvements with the Youth Camp's décor. Furthermore, if events were to be held at the Camp, they would be the first to volunteer to assist with catering.

The mayor suggested to the Club that the Youth Camp be made available for girls and boys that would never have the opportunity to

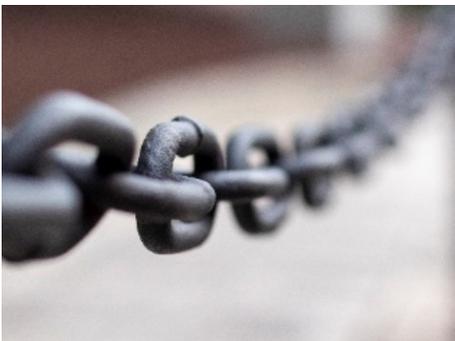
attend a Youth Camp. Consequently, Youth Camps for both girls and boy that are financially disadvantaged began.

Public Insurance cover in the event anyone injured themselves was dramatically increased. The Lease with the Lands Department was also finalized.

The Rotary Club of Footscray presented the Youth Camp committee with two rafts. South Melbourne Police Youth Club donated dozens of small/large knives, table forks, desert/soup spoons and tea/tablespoons.

Proposed improvements to be undertaken during the year were:

- Erect a chimney in the Dining Hut.
- Place a sign at the entrance gate, indicating Rotary Youth Camp.
- Build a shed to store straw.
- Provide a telephone on site for emergencies.
- Purchase three fire extinguishers.
- Install a window in the kitchen above the stove.
- Install a shower within the separate lavatory.
- Undertake some fencing.



Even though the Board were extremely proud of their achievements with their work in forming a new Rotary Club in Echuca, they focused on their long-term goal of forming a Club in Kerang.

During the year, they presented a Clock to Shepparton Rotary Club, another Club they assisted with forming.



For several years, the Club supported the idea of a Children's Library and free Kindergarten education. Their support then focused to a Community Library for all. Hence, the Children's Library could then become a part of the larger Community Library.

The School of Mines Library donated thousands of books to the Community Library.



The issue of accommodation at Luncheon Meetings was becoming a real concern for the Board. They considered going back to Favaloro's but staff shortages at the venue was an issue. Despite Shamrock management wanting to find a suitable solution, President Headley organized a small committee to consider future options regarding where might be more suitable for the Club to move to.

A roster was drawn up indicating which member would be cashier at the next meeting. The roster was publicized in the weekly newsletter. If a member could not undertake the role on the day, it was their responsibility to ask someone to replace them.

The Board decided a suitable lectern and clock needed to be purchased. At meetings, the Rotary bell was struck at 12.55 to encourage members to be seated and ready for the 1.00 p.m. meeting to begin.



Lord Rowallan was a special speaker during the year at a night meeting. Lord Rowallan was the head of the World Scout Movement.

Lord Rowallan with the Queen.