

ROTARIAN - ANDREW ROBERT JACK PHF

Andrew was born at Brunswick on the 19th August 1936; he was an only son and had two sisters.

He commenced his education at Scotch College. Andrew went to Dookie College where he attained his Diploma of Agricultural Science; from there he worked as a farm hand on a property at Strathbogie, then on to Yarrum to work for the Department of Agriculture.

At one time whilst at Yarrum he rode on horseback to help the local farmers drive cattle across to Snake Island, this had to be done at low tide, an early indication of Andrews community spirit. It was also at Yarrum that Andrew and his sister Beryl purchased their first farm at Pound Creek, the beginning of his own farm career.

Andrew has a spell with the Department of Agriculture in Melbourne and Portland then he and Beryl bought a farm at Hamilton, probably not their best investment as the farm turned out to be very wet, this property was soon sold and the farm at Cashmore next to the Airport was acquired and later on Oakley's road.

Andrew was an active member of the Portland Apex club spending many hours collecting waste paper for recycling to raise money for the club. A member of the Portland Yacht Club he was very active at working bees held to build the new Club rooms. Andrew was a keen squash player and enjoyed playing lawn bowls with the R.S.L bowling club.

Andrew organised one of the auctions for Rotary and helped at other fund raising auctions. He was involved for many years in buying and selling cattle which resulted in raising a large amount of money for Rotary projects.

Andrew acted as the Rotary Father for Rotoract. He also acted as security officer at the annual art show on numerous occasions, sleeping overnight at the hall. Andrew took on the role of night security for the Rotary Conference. He is always active at working bees.

Andrew was a foundation member of the Men's Probus Club in Portland. He assisted with the formation of the Probus Club in Heywood.

Andrew joined the Rotary Club of Portland on 7th August 1978; he served the club well for 33 years with an outstanding record for attendance.

Andrew died on Monday 7th February 2011. He left the majority of his estate to charity. The Andrew Jack Charitable Trust has distributed significant funds to many worthy causes both local and international.

The Rotary Club of Portland is administering funds from the Andrew Jack Charitable Trust to support a scholarship program and other projects related to training in Agriculture, as this was a specific wish of Andrew.