

ROTARY:
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Happy New Rotary Year



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This is the first Bulletin for the 2017-18 Rotary Year. The year of "Rotary Making a Difference".

The Bulletin is a recap and report on last weeks meeting which was the first for the 2017-18 year. I also endeavour to provide the news of the week and other little tidbits.

The Life & Times of Bill Bott

I believe Bill would be one of very few guest speakers who have been asked to keep speaking and not stop.

Bill was one of four children born to Edwin and Gladys Bott along with older brother Edwin, younger brother Bernie and sister Eleanor.

Bill says he was a normal adventurous farm boy and over the first 11 years of his life he spent some time in hospital each year. The worst being when he was run over by a disk plough at the age of 6, then there was a broken leg, an appendix operation and a lot of other simple boyhood ailments.



The family were holidaying in Coogee, when on 21/7/56 Bills Dad, Edwin suffered a heart attack and passed away. Bill was 11 years old. Bill and his younger brother Bernie attended Coogee Public school then for some time where Bill was in class 6A, with 44 other boy students, and enjoyed playing cricket and rugby. Although having lost his father Bill and Bernie enjoyed the time there.

Bill's Dad was a shrewd farmer and purchased blocks of land in many different areas, ie., Denniliqin, Cobram and other area to try to counteract the Closer Settlement Act, which was set up to reform land holdings and in particular to break the squatters' domination of land tenure. It was also used to acquire land for Soldier Settlements, where a parcel of 6000acres was taken out of Woodlawn. With a young family and a huge Probate Bill to contend with Bill's mother Gladys returned to the farm and took on "The Generals role" running the farm, which she did with an iron fist. Eleanor was only two years old at the time.

Bill went off to boarding school, Caulfield Grammer, where he matriculated and was excepted into Law at Melbourne University, but decided it would not be fair to leave all the work on the farm to Ted and so he didn't take up the offer. He did take up the off to go to England to play cricket for 4 months. Being the baby of the team in 1964 he was offered a place in the Primary team playing one month in London and then one month touring England (every young man's dream).

2017-18

President

Gary Poidevin OAM

District Governor

Bernie Bott

**Rotary
International
President**

Ian H.S, Riseley

Program & Roster

**Corowa Whisky &
Chocolate Factory**

July 13, 2017

Partners Night

**Sarah Chandler
Fred Taylor
Scholarship Winner**

Chairman

Gary

Treasurer

Norman

Grace

John

Loyal Toast

Gail

International Toast

Graeme

Rotary Information

Don

Sergeant's Help

Ian

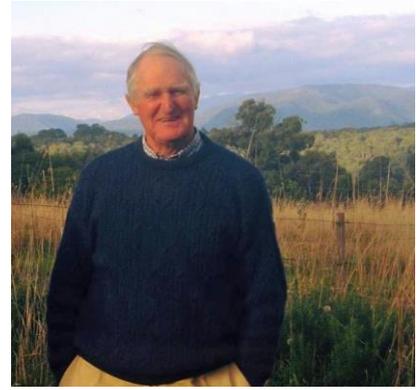
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Back home, Bill played football with Mulwala (99 games). He met and married the most beautiful girl in the world, Anne, and they remained happily married until her passing in 2016. He told us of the remarkable job that Anne did while he was campaigning to stand as the National Party candidate for Farrer in 2001 and how lucky they were to have four amazing children, Helen, David, Naomi and Edwin.



Bill was a Corowa Shire Councillor for 35 years, in fact he is considered one of the Border's most respected and influential councillors and is one of the few to have served as state president and vice-president of the NSW Shires Association.

In January 2003 Mr William Bawden BOTT, Corowa NSW, was presented with the Order of Australia Medal for service to local government in regional New South Wales, particularly through the Local Government Shires Association, and to the community of Corowa



Bill finished his presentation saying he had led a fortunate life and had 2 blessings, his mother and his wife Anne.

I believe the members of the Rotary Club of Corowa are honoured to call Bill a fellow Rotarian and a valued friend.

Acting President John presented Bill with a bottle of President's Muscat.

Attendance

We only had thirteen of our twenty-four members in attendance this week, as we still have quite a few members playing the role of grey nomads. Our attendance percentage was 66.67%.

A New Probus Club?

Corowa Rotary Club Secretary, Neil Davis has advised that plans are underway for Corowa Rotary Club to Sponsor a third Probus Club for Corowa. This follows on from a recent public meeting to gauge interest in forming a Mixed Probus Club to complement the existing separate Men's and Ladies' Probus Clubs in Corowa. Twenty-five people showed interest in coming along and it is hoped more will come along.



The next step will be the important meeting to elect Office Bearers and list the Charter Members. This meeting will be held at Corowa Whisky and Chocolate Factory on Monday 24th July at 10:30am.

Winners are Grinners

This week's lucky winners – for the President's Muscat was Neil and Ray took his chance to draw the Joker from the pack of cards, but could only pick the two of Hearts.

Volunteers Celebration

When taking numbers, nine people showed interest in attending the Federation Council's High Tea to celebrate Volunteers in our community. Rotary was nominated and those attending received a certificate and commemorative key ring.

The guest speaker for the day was Don Elgin, who entertained us for one hour, and very entertaining he was. They don't come any livelier than the boy from the bush! Raised in the NSW town of Tocumwal, Don's start in life wasn't exactly smooth sailing. Born without the lower portion of his left leg, his fingers fused together and needing open heart surgery at 3 years of age he was certainly up against the odds from the start.



But that was no barrier for this boy who would make his first Australian team at 18 years of age, become a World Champion and – a staggering 20 years later – represent Australia at the Commonwealth Games.



Those of you who weren't in attendance missed a great guest speaker, but if you want to know more he has several books in print, the latest two being "One Foot on the Podium" and "One Foot Beyond the Podium". If the books are anything like his presentation, they are surely well worth a read.

Don's Sporting Achievements:

Paralympic Games

- 1996 – Pentathlon 4th, Shot put 14th, Discus 13th
- 2000 – Pentathlon Bronze medal, 100m 11th, 200m 9th, 400m 12th, Long Jump 9th, Shot Put 8th, Discus 11th,
- 2004 – Pentathlon Bronze medal, 4x100m Bronze medal, 400x400m Silver medal

World Championships

- 1994 – 4x100m Gold medal, High Jump Bronze medal, Shot Put 15th
- 1998 – Pentathlon 4th
- 2002 – Pentathlon Silver medal, 4x100m Silver medal, 4x100m Bronze medal, Long Jump 8th
- 2006 – Pentathlon 6th

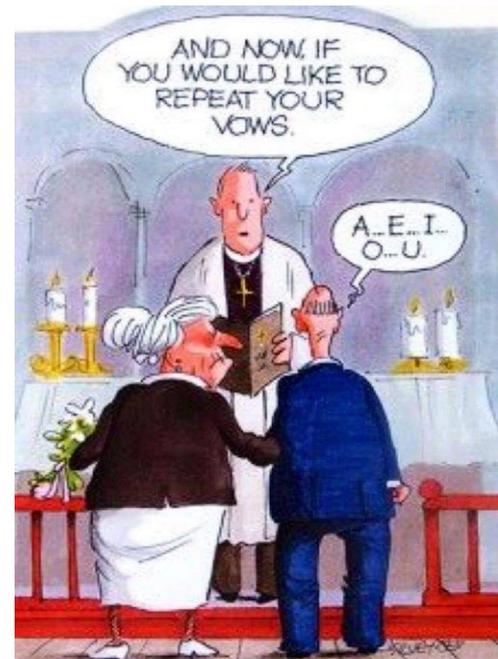
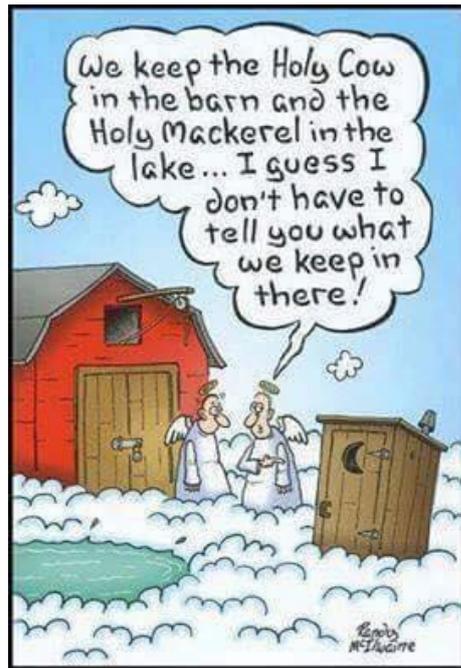
Commonwealth Games

- 2014 – Discus 8th



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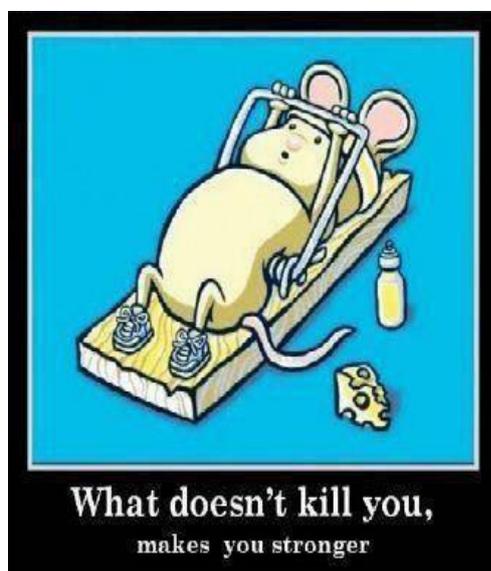


Mum, Dad, sit down. I have something very important to tell you," said Samantha, upon her return home from college after graduation. "I met a guy who lives near the college that I really like and we decided we are going to get married!"

"Oh Samantha! I am so happy for you!" Gushed her Mum giving her a big hug, "I hope you two will be really happy together! I can't wait to meet him!"

"Tell us more about him" said her Dad, "does he have any money?"

"Oh Dad! Is that all that you men ever think about? That's the first question he asked me about you too!"



Rotary Calendar

Rotary



Month	Calendar
July	
August	Membership & Extension
September	Basic Education & Literacy
October	Economic & Development
November	Rotary Foundation
December	Disease Prevention & Treatment
January	Vocational Service Month
February	Peace & Conflict Prevention/ Resolution
March	Water & Sanitation
April	Maternal & Child Health
May	Youth Service
June	Rotary Fellowship

Apologies

Please remember to notify the Sergeant at Arms, Ray Terrill if you can't attend our weekly meetings or if you wish to bring any guests.

Ray can be contacted by
 Phone or text on **0409 329 736**
 Leave message at **0260 329 736**
 or email raymondo1951@bigpond.com

Programs

Meeting Date	July 20	July 27	Aug 3
Venue	Corowa RSL	Corowa RSL	Corowa RSL
Program	Meeting Night	Daniel Peacock Corowa Golf Club Cinema	Meeting Night
Chairman	Robyn	Eric	David T
Treasurer	Norman	Robyn	Eric
Rotary Grace	Ray	Norman	Robyn
Loyal Toast	John	Ray	Norman
International Toast	David P	John	Ray
Rotary Information	Graeme C	David P	John
Sergeants Help	Don	Graeme C	Gail

Please arrange your own replacement if you are unable to fulfill your roster duty.

Wine Packs



Fortified wine pack order form
(within Australia only)

Email orders to admin@corowarotary.org.au

Name: _____

Delivery Address: _____

City Town: _____

State: _____ **Post Code:** _____

Contact Number: _____

Special Delivery Instructions: _____

	Price	Qty.	Total
Fortified Wine Pack	\$60.00		
Postage & Handling (Traceable Post Pack)	\$10.00		
Total			

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Cheques made payable to Rotary Club of Corowa
Credit Card Payments, please complete this authority
Card Type – (circle) VISA, MASTERCARD

Card number _____ **Exp.** _____ / _____

Card Holder Name _____

Card Holders Signature _____

DECLARATION: This wine has not been purchased for resale by a licensed person or their representative. I am over 18 years of age.

Signed: _____

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Or phone Gail: 0412 442 838