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Club Meeting Night

President Gary is introducing this 'Club Meeting' format every now and again so that members should share events and happenings of their week.

Eric mentioned that he had visited some friends in Woolgoolga last weekend, including one mate suffering from cancer. Eric was away 7 days – 6 of which he spent on the road on his motor bike. He travelled some 2,700 km, travelling north via Dubbo, Morriset and Coffs Harbour and returned through Waterfall Way to Armidale and then Dubbo.

Graeme C: spent time visiting family in Sydney

Vera: met some new exchange student friends in Albury. She now knows students from Brazil (Albury HS), Denmark (Albury HS), France (Scots), Italy (Wodonga) and Switzerland (Yarrowonga). She is settling into school well and her English is coming along.

Gail: Vera's coach in track and field – Pasi Ruuska – had put a very supportive remark on Vera's facebook page. He was encouraging of her Rotary exchange and the benefits she would get out of it. He was also looking forward to meeting our outbound Bridie in Finland soon.

Ray: also visited Sydney during the week. In the current climate of terrorism, he was amazed to have no checks on his cabin luggage before boarding the plane.

Graham: While not quite ready to talk about his trip overseas, Graham mentioned the Rotary Club of Worms, who had constructed a tribute to Martin Luther. On 18th April 1521 at Worms before the Diet (Emperor of Holy Roman Empire and Archbishops), Martin Luther refused to recant with the famous words "Here I stand, I can do no other." The Rotary Club of Worms has placed some large bronze boots in cement in the garden near the cathedral for people to stand on the famous spot. Words penned on a brass plaque beside the boots challenge the visitor to consider what they might "be firm and determined about, that they might stand up for".



**2017-18
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Gary Poidevin OAM

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Bernie Bott

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President**
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Program & Roster

Corowa RSL Club

August 10, 2017

OFFICIAL VISIT
DG Bernie Bott
With
AG Margaret Bennet

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Rotary Graces

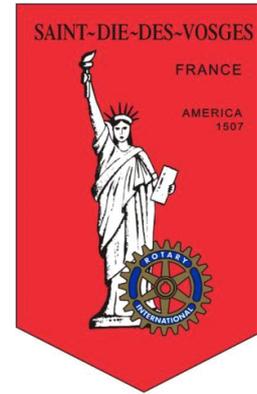
Oh Lord, the giver
of all good,
We thank you for
our daily food.
May Rotary friends
and Rotary ways
Help us to serve
you all our days.
Amen

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For good food,
For good
fellowship.
And the
opportunity for
service in Rotary,
We give thanks.
Amen

International Toast

Rtn Ray toasted the Rotary Club of Saint-Die-Des-Voges, France. The Club was officially Chartered on 15th December 1948, but that Charter was not presented to the first founding President Adolph Mehl till 26th February 1949, in the presence of 23 other members. The Club currently has 33 members, and welcomed its first female member in 2003. It has also sponsored the creation of the Rotary Clubs of Gerardmer (France), Wroclaw (Poland) and Uzhgorod (Ukraine). Current President is Herve Dory. The Club meets at Hotel Campanile, 46 Rue de la Madeleine, Saint-Die-Des-Voges on Monday evenings 7 pm – 8 pm for Aperitif and on the last Monday of the month for dinner at 7.30 pm.



Rotary Information

Rtn John discussed the information which could be accessed from the District website and the RI website. He recommended that members, if they have not already done so, should gain their own access code for each of these websites.

Announcements

1. **Wetlands:** President Gary thanked the Rotarians who were present for the sausage sizzle at the wetlands while the HS students were planting trees. There were 40 students and 3 teachers, and they planted 200 out of the 290 trees which were to be planted.
2. **Rotary Markets:** This Sunday morning 6th August. If the grass is wet underfoot, the markets will be in the carpark. If it is raining the stall holders will be in Sanger Street, with no charge for a site.
Roster (early and late): Neil, Janet, Robert, Eric, John, Alan, David P, Stephen, Robyn, Graham, Margaret, David T, Gail. The train will be running, weather permitting.
3. **An evening with Nicaud Fitzgibbon and the Mark Fitzgibbon Quartet:** See Rtn Ray (0409 329 736) for tickets (\$50) if you would like to attend the evening at the Rutherglen Memorial Hall on Saturday 5th August from 7.00pm.
4. **The National Boys Choir:** Graham has been contacting the local school principals re hosting the members of the choir.
5. **Rotary Business cards:** Graham invited members to take some cards for their use during the week.
6. **Visiting Neighbouring Rotary Clubs:** Ray and Norm are planning to do a make up at one of the Albury Rotary Clubs next week if any member would like to join them.
7. **DG Visit:** This will be a formal night. Although he hasn't heard officially, Gary advised the members of the Board to be at the Club by 6 pm to meet with DG Bernie. RSVP to Ray ASAP if you intend bringing guests.
8. **Exchange Weekend:** the first Orientation Weekend is being held at Dookie on 19th / 20th August. Vera's counsellor Gail will accompany her, and also support Corowa's outbound Bridie Lavis. Outbound Julia Delaney, who also lives in Corowa and is being sponsored by North Albury RC, will also be attending this weekend.
9. **DG's Bulletin 'What is Rotary':** Included in the August edition was an excellent article on our Rotary Fred Taylor Scholarship winner Sarah Chandler.

Rotary 4 Way Test

1: Is it the TRUTH?

2: Is it FAIR to all concerned?

3: Will it build
GOODWILL
and BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS

4: Will it be
BENEFICIAL to all
concerned?

Family of Rotary

Graham and Gail reported on some of our members who have been absent lately:

Paul Mowlam: is struggling to be mobile, but is very happy to receive visitors. He needs more time to recuperate, but is looking forward to returning to our dinner meetings.

Don: is finding it hard to consistently attend Rotary due to his varied 12 hour shifts, which could be during the day or the night.

Ian B: is away

Pod: Pod and Lesley are always happy to see people, but you just need to contact Lesley before going.

Pauline: is not well and is back in Melbourne for another round of chemo. She is staying with her daughter Samantha when in Corowa.

Attendance

In the absence of our Attendance Officer, we noted that once again there were 18 persons present including our two Honorary Rotarians Janet and Robert Dickins and exchange student Vera. This should give us approx 85% attendance.



Winners are Grinners

For the very FIRST time, Robyn won the President's muscat with the lucky number 40. With number 72, President Gary cut the cards, but could only find 4 spades.



Birthday Celebrations

During the past week our youngest member celebrated his birthday. HAPPY BIRTHDAY Stephen!!

Coming Events

6/08 – Federation Markets

6/08 – RLI Units 1 & 2

10/08 – Official Visit by DG Bernie Bott – **PARTNERS** and dress code

FORMAL

24/08 – Wodonga West Club visit

3/09 – Federation Markets

25/09 – National Boys Choir

Annual Subscriptions

This year's subscriptions have been set at \$240 per person. These can be paid on line with

Reference: Subs and your surname

Account Name: Rotary Club of Corowa

BSB: 082 559

Account No: 692 592 173

Apologies and Programs

Please remember to notify the Sergeant at Arms, Ray Terrill if you **CAN NOT** 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

Meeting Date	Aug 17	Aug 24	Aug 31
Venue	Corowa RSL	Corowa RSL	Corowa RSL
Program	Meeting Night	Wodonga West RC visit	John Batton Canadian Shearing
Chairman	Alan W	Wally C	Meredith M
Treasurer	Graham B	Alan W	Wally C
Rotary Grace	David T	Graham B	Alan W
Loyal Toast	Eric S	David T	Graham B
International Toast	Robyn R	Eric S	David T
Rotary Information	Norman O	Robyn R	Eric S
Sergeants Help	Ray T	Norman O	Robyn R

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

Rib Ticklers

My Living Will

*Last night, my kids and I were sitting
in the living room and I said to them,*

*'I never want to live in a
vegetative state, dependent on some
machine and fluids from a bottle.
If that ever happens, just pull the plug.'*

*They got up, unplugged the
computer and threw out my wine!!*

The little bastards.

**Geezer
Planet**

While conducting some business at the Court House, I overheard a lady, who had been arrested for assaulting a Mammogram Technician, “Your Honour, I’m guilty but there were extenuating circumstances.”

The female Judge said, sarcastically, “I’d certainly like to hear those extenuating circumstances. “ I did too, so I listened as the lady told her story.

“Your Honour, I had a mammogram appointment, which I actually kept. I was met by this perky little clipboard carrier smiling from ear to ear. She tilted her head to one side and crooned “Hi! I’m Belinda! All I need you to do is step into this room right here, strip to the waist, then slip on this gown. Everything clear?”

I’m thinking “Belinda, try decaf. This ain’t rocket science.” Belinda then slipped away to prepare the chamber of horrors.

With the right side finished, Belinda flipped me (literally) to the left side and said “HmMMM. Can you stand on your tippy toes and lean in a tad so we can get everything?” “Fine” I answered.

I was freezing, bruised and out of air, so why not use the remaining circulation in my legs and neck to finish me off? My body was in a holding pattern that defied gravity (with my other breast wedged between those two 4 inch pieces of square glass) when I heard and felt a zap!

Complete darkness – the power was off!

Belinda said “Uh-oh. Maintenance is working. Bet they hit a snag.” then headed for the door. “Excuse me! You’re not leaving me in this vice alone are you?” I shouted.

Belinda kept going and said “Oh you fussy puppy. The door’s wide open so you’ll have the emergency hall lights. I’ll be right back.”

Before I could shout NOOOO! she had disappeared. And that’s exactly how Bubba and Earl, ‘Maintenance Men Extraordinaire’ found me ... half naked with part of me dangling from the Jaws of Life and the other part smashed between glass!

After exchanging a polite “Hi! How’s it going” type greeting, Bubba (or possibly Earl) asked, to my utter disbelief, if I knew the power was off? Trying to disguise my hysteria, I replied with as much calmness as possible “Uh, yes I did, thanks anyway.” “OK, you take care now” Bubba replied and waved goodbye as though I’d been standing in the line at the grocery store.

Two hours later, Belinda breezes in wearing a sheepish grin. Making no attempt to suppress her amusement, she said “Oh, I am so sorry! The power came back on and I totally forgot about you! And silly me – I went to lunch. Are we upset?”

And that, Your Honour is exactly how her head ended up between the glass clamps.

The Judge could hardly contain her laughter as she said “Case Dismissed”.

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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