



Rotary
Club of Corowa

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November - Rotary Foundation Month

Don Mayling – Cloud Nine Coffee

Don gave an interesting talk about many and various aspects of his life, intertwined with snippets of his life philosophy. A humble man, he felt that other people's lives are just as or more interesting than his own! He commented that the world is not just about 'me' but about others, and we should all try walking in "others' shoes".



Sue Matheson and Don Mayling

Born in east Africa of Australian parents, Don spent his formative years growing up with black African friends. He mentioned a funny story that involved his aunt, who thought as he was born in Africa he would have a black skin!! Many of his childhood experiences seemed harsh, as he saw first-hand people who were dying of malnutrition. Don observed that

once people start noticing the differences between races, it is the beginning of apartheid and the steps to intolerance are not great.

Attending boarding school from the ages of 6 – 18, he developed a hatred of bullies and learnt to box so he could fix the bullying problem quickly. Don went on to gain a Degree in Commerce and Education from Melbourne University.

Life experiences included:

- sailing a yacht in the Mediterranean – with sailing charts written in GREEK!
- working with large companies in Australia
- running a diversified farm involving rare breeds of animals
- running a cafe in Benalla to utilise the produce from the farm
- currently running the Cloud Nine Coffee van at the markets.

Language seems to be one of Don's passions. He mentioned the non politically correct words we can no longer use and the fact that many of we Australians can only converse or communicate in English. Moving around in Africa – Nairobi, Kilimanjaro, Kenya – he found there were many spoken languages and felt it is almost an arrogance on our part to not have a few words in other languages which we can use. He mentioned that language is the gift of understanding and that our Australian vernacular (slang) is to be treasured.

Don gains hope from the thought of predestination and free-will. He mentioned that once we lose our free-will, then we lose hope. Don summed up his

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Corowa RSL Club

WEDNESDAY
November 15, 2017

Exchange visit with Rutherglen Rotary Club @ RUTHERGLEN

Chairman
Pres Gary P

Treasurer
Norman O

Grace
N/A

Loyal Toast
N/A

International Toast
N/A

Rotary information
N/A

Sergeant's Help
N/A

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philosophy at the end of his talk by quoting verse 51 from **Edward FitzGerald's** translation of the **Rubáiyát of Omar Khayyám**

***The Moving Finger writes; and, having writ,
Moves on: nor all thy Piety nor Wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line,
Nor all thy Tears wash out a Word of it.***

Chairman Norm thanked Don very much for his most interesting talk and presented him with a bottle of the President's muscat.

International Toast –

Rtn John proposed a toast to the RC Edinburgh, which meets on Thursday 1pm to 2 pm at the Hilton Edinburgh Grosvenor Hotel. Founded in 1912, they are RI Club No 62 in RIBI District 1020 and current President is Ian Starkey. Many of their projects involve establishing water systems in places such as Ecuador, Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone, Nepal and Panama.

Exchange Student Vera

Vera has been all over the place these past few weeks. She spent three days at Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre on a school camp. Over the last couple of weeks, Vera and 11 other inbound exchange students, along with a dozen or so other young people spent time at Mittagundi Outdoor Education Centre.



The ten days had the following organisation:

1. Meet at Albury railway station, night in Tawonga hut
2. Begin walk to Mittagundi from Watchbed Creek near Falls Creek, overnight camp in tents
3. Continue walk, arrive at Mittagundi mid afternoon
4. Half the group abseils, other half has a farm day
5. Vice versa day 4
6. Half the group rafts/sleds on the Mitta Mitta River - depending on river levels
7. Vice versa day 6
8. Commence walk out, over High Plains
9. Continue walk out over High Plains
10. Complete walk out, arrive tired and elated at Albury station

Life at Mittagundi is simple and full of rewards. The time spent on the farm is utilised by activities such as feeding animals and working in the blacksmith forge or joinery. All of the farm activities at Mittagundi have a purpose, be it chopping wood for the kitchen stove so that the group can eat tea that night or picking fruit from the orchard so that that preserves can be made for the hike out. There are no clocks or watches (except in the first aid kit) at Mittagundi and programs are delivered without time constraints. All of the activities done at Mittagundi are performed without power tools or electricity and in a fun, safe atmosphere.

Attendance

Together with 20 Club members, this evening we enjoyed the company of Speaker Don Mayling and his partner Sue Matheson, Hon Rotarians Janet and Robert and Exchange Student Vera.

Special Celebrations

Wally had a special birthday recently, turning 65, but he was adamant he didn't want us to sing to him (and paid for us not to!!)

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

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

Today we are
thankful for all
we've received.
However we live,
we firmly believe
All is a blessing
that we must pass
on
No matter our
status or where we
have gone.
Kindness and
generosity are what
we impart
Showing the world
what's in Rotary's
heart.

Announcements

PETS – Rtn Bill attended President Elect Training last Sunday. He enjoyed the day and said he got a lot out of it. He mentioned that some Clubs are looking at other ways to run their Club, involving such aspects as fortnightly meetings or a hybrid of meetings and interest evenings.

Albury RC 90th Anniversary - Sat 4th November

Rtn Graham mentioned that our Club was represented at this function by Norm, Graham, Margaret and Ray – who excelled in his role as



MC,
As we can expect, Ray combined entertaining anecdotes and interesting information to keep the night rolling.

Guest speaker was Noel Trevaskis who referred to our organisation as a SERVICE organisation, not just a money raiser.



Fireworks –

Rtn Paul mentioned that we currently have three major sponsors and John has sent out more than 40 letters asking for support. The fireworks firm is booked and the collection tins are in various localities. To be discussed at the Board meeting is the proposal by the O'Malleys School of Dance to set up a carnival on New Years Eve.

Australia Day –

Gary thought we need to send a letter to Council asking to bring Australia Day into the Federation Festival with various activities during the day, and the Federation Dinner in the evening.

Federation Festival –

Rtn Ian Brooks has contacted Martin Clarke at The Hub. Martin has many contacts with multicultural groups in Albury, who could be involved in the Festival.

Race Gates –

Rtn Howard mentioned that the Race Gates went very well. Although there was a slow start to the day, the Race Club could be fairly happy with the end result.

The Whitehead Street Wetlands –

1. **Bird Hide**: the bird hide is now in situ, with access path constructed. The Mens' Shed will be installing benches for seating inside and a roof in the coming week.
2. **Signage**: Interpretive signage layout and information is currently being proofed before the actual signs are ordered - hopefully next week.
3. **Opening BBQ**: Monday 4th December @ 5.30 / 6.00 pm. Rotary will possibly be cooking a BBQ.



November Rotary Markets

1. Raffle: Janet reported that the profit from the raffle was \$221
2. Gates: total collected from the gates was \$1448
3. Stalls: total collected from the stalls was \$470

The overall takings from the day – less payments for the face painting and jumping castle were very pleasing.



The School Presentations

With the School Presentations coming up quickly, and as we will be visiting other venues for the next three weeks, it is important for Club members to consider when they could represent the Club at the various schools. Below is a table of dates, venues and times. Please let Sec Neil know if you are able to assist at any of the schools 02 6033 2318.

Wed 6 th Dec	7.00 pm	Lowesdale PS	Buraja Rec Grounds
		Principal Barbara Strachan	02 6035 8216
		ROTARIAN	
Fri 8 th Dec	9.30 am	Corowa PS	Corowa Memorial Hall
		Principal Sharelle Bailey	02 6033 1606
		ROTARIAN	
Fri 8 th Dec	11.30 am	St Mary's	St Mary's School Hall
		Principal Glenn McMahon	02 6033 1183
		ROTARIAN IAN BROOKES	
Wed 13 th Dec	10.30 am	Howlong PS	Howlong PS
		Principal Gail Krause	02 6026 5206
		ROTARIAN NORM O'FLAHERTY	
Wed 13 th Dec	1.00 pm	Corowa HS	High School Hall
		Principal Dr Joanne Bellette	02 6033 1889
		ROTARIAN	
Wed 13 th Dec	6.30 pm	Corowa South PS	Corowa South School
		Principal Karen Kissell	02 6033 1535
		ROTARIAN PAUL MOWLAM	
Wed 13 th Dec	7.30 pm	SAVERNAKE PS	Savernake School
		Relieving Principal Angelique Bruce	02 6035 9422
		ROTARIAN BILL BOTT	

Winners are Grinners

As has been done a few times in the past, visitor Sue Matheson managed to draw out her own number for the bottle of the President's muscat. Alan Wilson was the other lucky draw, but he could only find the king of diamonds in the pack of cards.

Coming Events and Club Meetings for the rest of the year

Wed 15/11 – Meeting

**Exchange visit with Rutherglen Rotary Club – WEDNESDAY @
Rutherglen Venue Rutherglen Golf Club, 6.30 for 7.00 Cost \$22
PLEASE NOTE RSVP IS MONDAY MORNING**

Thurs 23/11 – Meeting

Whisky Walk – Wally Cann

Thurs 30/11 – Meeting

South Corowa Public School

Sun 3/12 – Rotary Markets

Thurs 07/12 – Meeting

AGM

Thurs 14/12 – Meeting

Brydee Lavis – Outbound Exchange Student

Sun 17th Dec – Christmas Party @ Lazy Sam’s Loft, 12 noon for 12.30 pm

\$20 ph with drinks at bar prices.

Sun 31 Dec – New Years Eve Fireworks

Thurs 11/01 – Meeting

New Year BBQ Venue TBA

Apologies and Programs

Please remember to notify the Sergeant at Arms, **Paul Miegel** if you **CAN NOT** attend our weekly meetings or if you wish to bring any guests.

If you are arranging a guest speaker, please advise Paul of the number of people attending and if they need the screen and projector.

Paul can be contacted by:

Phone or text on **0499 878 529** or email miegelpm@bigpond.com

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE REPLY DETAILS HAVE CHANGED

The deadline for replies continues to be 11 am on Thursday

Meeting Date	Nov 23	Nov 30	Dec 07
Venue	Corowa Whisky and Chocolate Factory	South Corowa School	Corowa RSL
Program	Wally’s Whisky Walk	South Corowa Public School	AGM
Chairman	Eric S	Howard S	Gary P
Treasurer	Robyn R	Eric S	Howard S
Rotary Grace	Norman O	Robyn R	Eric S
Loyal Toast	Paul Miegel	Norman O	Robyn R
International Toast	Meredith M	Paul Miegel	Norman O
Rotary Information	Gail L	Meredith M	Paul Miegel
Sergeants Help	John L	Gail L	Meredith M

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

Rib Ticklers

Collective Nouns

Q: What is the collective noun for a group of writers?

A: A block

Q: What is the collective noun for a group of handy men?

A: A Bunnings

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?

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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