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Corowa RSL Club

March 15

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March - Water and Sanitation Month

Bruce and Gayle Slonim

Illustrated by some fabulous photographs, both Bruce and Gayle explained their work for ADI – Australian Doctors International. – which is a privately supported and funded organisation founded in 2000 by former Manly mayor and general practitioner Dr Peter Macdonald.

After working for over 30 years in the busy medical practice in Corowa, Bruce and his wife – teacher Gayle – were looking for something they could do together. After doing some work in the Northern Territory and the Kimberley region in Australia, they decided to work for ADI with the people in remote and rural areas of Papua New Guinea.



**australian doctors
international**

Working for a healthier PNG



They have worked four tours of 6 months each over the past 4 years on the island of New Ireland, with the capital of the province being Kavieng.

From Kavieng they went out on patrol for two weeks at a time, travelling with a team of health professionals to remote areas - by 4WD or tractor or boat. On arriving at their destination, they then had to transport (carry)

all their supplies – both food and medical – to the village health centre or aid post. There were 23 Health Centres to visit and 76 aid posts, most of which were remote with no electricity, communication, tap water or sewerage.

The team consisted of Bruce as the only white doctor, supported by other health professionals such as dentist, eye therapist, physiotherapist and nursing officers,

After arriving in a village, the presence of the patrol was announced – usually by beating of drums, ringing of a bell or blowing into a conch shell – and their clinical work could begin.

Gayle and Bruce's focus was to work in partnership with the local health providers to give medical treatment and health education to the community and training to the local health workers. Preventable diseases such as TB and

malaria are rife in the area, and the introduction of birth control methods could help combat the unacceptably high mortality rate in both mothers and babies. (220 per 100,000 mothers – compared with 2 to 3 per 100,000 in Australia - and 51 per 1000 babies. Bruce mentioned that 1 in 5 children do not reach 5 years old)

The visiting doctors all had to look after their own health. However, despite always sleeping under a mozzie net, both Bruce and Gayle had contracted malaria and denghi fever during their time in PNG. Fortunately modern drugs are very effective. When they are on hand the conditions can be treated very quickly.

Despite their busy days, often working into the night by the light of torches, both Gayle and Bruce felt they had experienced many unique and positive things. They commented that it was wonderful to work with such amazing fellow professionals and to feel such a valued part of these communities. They mentioned that there was much laughter, friendship and mutual respect and they had formed some terrific friends over the years.

Chairman Paul Miegel thanked Gayle and Bruce for such an interesting presentation, commenting on their commitment to this unique and special program. He then presented each with a bottle of the President's muscat.

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.**



International Toast

Rtn Wally toasted the Rotary Club of Meridian, Mississippi in District 6820. Founded in 1916, the current President is Brice Richardson and the Club meets Wednesdays at 12 noon at the Northwood Country Club. RC Meridian is a major contributer to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library with a cheque for \$4000 donated in 2016. (Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a free book gifting organization devoted to inspiring a love of reading in the hearts of children everywhere. Each month, enrolled children receive a high-quality, age-appropriate book in the mail, free of charge. Children receive books from birth to age five.)

Rotary Information

BMGF – Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Started in 1997 as William H Gates Foundation, the name was changed in 2000 to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation with headquarters in Seattle.

It is controlled by 3 people – Bill, Melinda and Warren Buffett who is a major contributor. Up to a couple of years ago the Foundation had given about \$44 billion to various causes. World areas of involvement include various aspects of health care, education, ending poverty and the American Program which is mainly education. Rotary's involvement with the Foundation has been for the eradication of polio, and currently means that for every \$1 raised by Rotary, the B&M Foundation gives \$2.

Attendance

There were some 31 Rotarians and guests present this evening, which made a happy buzz of chatter during the evening. Guests included Speakers Gayle and Bruce Slonim, Hon Members Janet, Robert and Joy Tonge, Exchange Student Vera and members' guests Georgie Terrill (Ray), Libby Mowlam (Paul), Wendy Davis (Neil), Jeff Nixon (Howard), Debbie Rowe (Gail), Geoff and Margaret Wilmot (Hon Rotn Joy) and Ayon Guha (David P). There were apologies from Rtn Bill and Rtn David T - Bill had hit a sheep on their way into Corowa with considerable damage to his car!!

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?



Clockwise: Bruce and Gayle, Joy and Geoff, Debbie with Gayle, Georgie, Margaret W, Libby with Paul, Wendy with Neil

Announcements

1. Raffle takings: Hon Rtn Janet announced the takings from last Sunday's raffle at the Federation Markets was \$168
2. Dart Champion: Janet also took out the Championship last evening at the local darts competition. Congratulations.
3. Roster at Corowa Cup Races: Saturday 10th March
Main Gate: (11 – 3) Howard (full time), Wally (11–1) Ian Brooks (1–3)
Race Books: Norm
Horse Gate: (10.30 – 3.30) Alan W and Neil
4. RI World Convention: 32 members so far from our District are registered to attend the RI World Convention in Toronto in June.

Winners are Grinners

Rtn Meredith (number 66) won the President's muscat this week - AGAIN! Two weeks in a row!! President Gary had a second bottle to give away – which was won by Rtn Howard (number 10). Ray (number 14) tried to draw the joker, but only found the ace of clubs.

Coming Events and Club Meetings

A very busy MARCH!!!

Sat 10/03 – Race Meeting – Corowa Cup

Tues 13/03 – Board Meeting – 5.45 pm Potts & Schnelle Offices

Thurs 15/03 – Meeting - Bernie Lee – Michell Wool

Sat 17/03 – KVE catering – BBQ at the race course

Wed 21/03 – Catering BBQ for Ride to Conference team @ Howlong

Caravan Park 6.30 for 7.00 Club members invited to attend – let Meredith know for catering. Cost approx \$15-\$20

Thurs 22/03 – NO MEETING – Club transfer meeting to Friday 23/03

Fri 23/03 – 2018 Conference – Club Dinner – venue TBA (Corowa) The Club will subsidise the cost of the meal, with each member paying just \$20

Sat 24/03 and Sun 24/03 - District Conference, Mulwala Services Club

Thurs 29/03 – NO MEETING – Maundy Thursday

Sat 31/03 - **EASTER SATURDAY** markets in Sanger Street

Sun 1/04 - EASTER SUNDAY – Federation Markets in Bangarang Park
plus Easter Egg Hunt in RSL Park

Thurs 5/04 - Meeting – Rowing Club (TBC)

Thurs 12/04 - Rutherglen Rotary Club Exchange Visit

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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	FRIDAY Mar 23	Mar 29	Apr 05
Venue	TBA	No Meeting	Rowing Sheds (TBC)
Program	Club Dinner Night Conference 2018	Maundy Thursday	Corowa Rowing Club (TBC)
Chairman	Gary P <i>(if required)</i>		Howard S
Treasurer	Norman O <i>(if required)</i>		Eric S
Rotary Grace	Paul Miegel <i>(if required)</i>		Robyn R
Loyal Toast	Meredith M <i>(if required)</i>		Norman O
International Toast	John L <i>(if required)</i>		Paul Miegel
Rotary Information	N/A		Meredith M
Sergeants Help	N/A		John L

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

Irish Craic and Humour

**It doesn't matter how big your house is,
how much money you have,
or that you wear expensive clothes.
Our graves will be the same size.
Stay humble.**

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Irish Craic and Humour

**What did our parents do when they
were bored with no Internet?**

Irish Craic and Humour

**I asked my 18 brothers and sisters,
and they didn't know either.**

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Irish Craic and Humour

An elderly Irishman bought a sports car to recapture his youth and drove at 120mph. Then he saw a police car behind him, blue lights flashing. "I'm too old for this nonsense," he thought so he pulled over.

The police officer said, "Sir, my shift ends in 10 minutes.
If you can give me good a reason why you
were speeding, I'll let you go."

The old man said, "Years ago my wife ran off with a policeman. I thought you were bringing her back."

"That'll do," said the policeman.

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children, so I turned their faces into icons."**

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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			

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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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