



ROTARY
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March – Water and Sanitation Month

Easter Weekend

What a busy weekend! We enjoyed some lovely weather, along with the many visitors to Corowa. The billy cart races in Sanger Street were viewed by a large number of folk, who also patronised the stalls which were positioned in the middle of Sanger Street. The markets on Sunday were a little light on with stall holders, but many visitors came through Bangarang Park, and the Apex train was well patronised. As the Easter Egg Hunt was on in the RSL Park, our Rotarians were split - with some on duty at the markets and others at the BBQ sausage sizzle in the RSL Park. Janet (plus her rabbit ears) seemed to be doing good business with the raffle.

Exchange Student Brydee Lavis

I have attached Brydee's first quarterly report – she has embraced exchange and is loving it!

2 months in Finland - Quarterly report

2 months, my life has changed dramatically in 2 months. It's crazy to think that I have lived in another country for 2 months! While being here in Finland I have actually experienced so many things and when I first I had some major culture shock. If I were to explain my culture shock I would only have to say one thing, Snow. When we walked out of the airport there was soooooo much snow and it was so exciting and strange, the feeling was. It was also so cold and I was wearing tights when I got off the plane so that would probably explain why I was cold.



In my first week in Finland, I was at a language camp, in Karkku half an hour from Tampere, which was soooooo much fun! Here, me and all the other exchange students, from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, experienced so many new things such as Saunas, cross-country skiing and also jumping into a frozen lake. I have to say jumping into the

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Corowa RSL Club

Thursday APR 5

**Corowa Rowing
Club @
Rowing Sheds**

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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

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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.

frozen lake was probably the worst decision i've ever made.

At this language camp we had a downside to all the fun we were having. We had to actually attend class which was bad since we were all so tired from the jetlag. We were split into groups for these classes, 2 people went off for their swedish lesson and then the rest, who were learning finnish, were in four groups with a rotex or 'tutor'. I was in a group with 2 other Australians and we had Ilkka, he went to America 6 years ago on exchange and he's now in the army, He was a great tutor but when I went to rest my head on my scarf or beanie he would steal them so I couldn't nap!



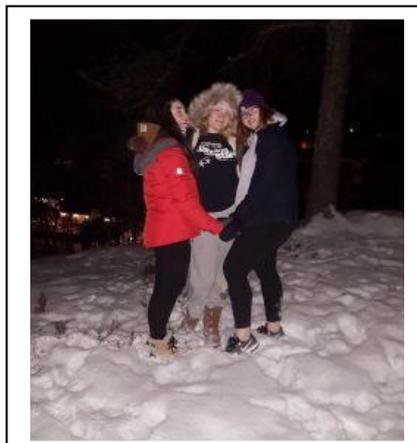
At the start of the day just before we started our lesson we would do these crazy dance/sing along games which were to brighten our moods I have to admit they were funny and enjoyable but it definitely didn't wake me up. Then we get straight to our lessons where Mimmu, our teacher, would teach us finnish and then our tutors would help us with it. With each topic

we would do, we activities with it. For example when we were learning the names of family members, there was a fake wedding so we were given names of a family member each and we had introduce ourselves to each other. Everyone was either on the bride's side or the grooms side of the family. Mine had to be the worst one because I happened to be the brides ex wife or ex vaimo they say in finnish!!!

It was really sad to say goodbye to everyone but I was so excited to meet my host family. They are so great and they treat me so well like i've been in this family my whole life. My host family consists of my host parents Nina and Leif Vinberg and Nina's children Jani, Sami and Siiri. With them I have tried even more! I have gone skiing multiply time and figured out i can't ski uphill, I have try and fail at ice skating, gone sledding with my host sister, Siiri, so many times I can't even count, and what I can never



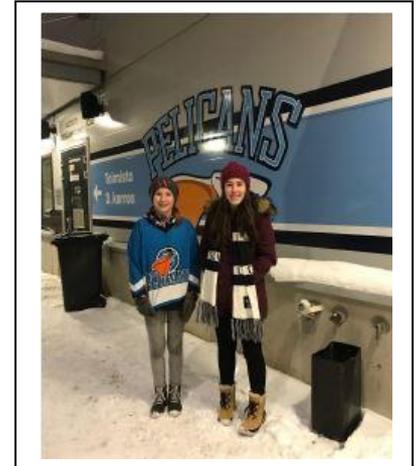
forget is going to my first Ice hockey game!



So the city I live in called Lahti, i'm pretty sure it is the 8th largest city in Finland and it has just under 200,000 people. With being here for two months i've figured out there's not much to do here other than skiing, walking in forest, going to laser tag, going to the movie or hanging out at the shopping centre with friends. Speaking of friends I have some friends I spend time with a lot at the shopping centres which are two exchange students from america, Abigail and

Beryl, and also Jessina and Kielo who are going on exchange soon to Mexico, Jessina and Australia, Kielo. At school I mainly hang out with a classmate Silja, Abigail and another soon to be exchange student, Milla, who is off to Mexico. (To the right is me with Abby and Beryl.)

I go to school at Lahden Yhteiskoulu, or LYK for short. This school is actually the biggest school ever, even one of the biggest in Finland! They have around 1,000 people there, it's crazy! I'm in grade 1 in high school which is year 10 but I also take 1 english class in grade 2, year 11. I take 2 english classes, 1 maths, an art class, sport and music class. These classes are really fun except maths though since I can't understand anything because our teacher doesn't explain in english or even acknowledges me. In this class I just catch up on other class projects or work to do with my rotary tours. Here In finland, the schools have free warm food for lunch, paid for by peoples taxes. I personally think this food is great but i've heard otherwise from others.



Rotary 4 Way Test

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2: Is it FAIR to all concerned?

3: Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS

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So far the only places I have been to are Seinajoki, to visit my host siblings grandparents, and Ähtäri zoo, to see Finland's new pandas and I think I was the first australian to see them! Although this weekend I will be going to Helsinki for Easter to visit my host brother, Jani.

Most of the stress I have had during my time here has been about the paperwork for the trip to St. Petersburg in a month. Although, I have worked everything out with

the help of my counselor and some help from home. The weekend before I leave for Russia is pretty busy too. That is when I have a district conference with rotarians, rotex and exchange students from my district, 1390. And what makes it even more busy is that, that is the weekend i'm moving to my next host family! To be honest I haven't thought much about moving host families, i'm sad that I will have to leave my current host family but i'm also excited because I will get to have new experiences and I will have a new family to love.



Coming up In the next three months is pretty eventful, as soon as I move to my next host family I will be off to St petersburg for 4 days which i'm so excited for. And then 1 month after that I will be going on my EuroTour!! I will be going to 8 countries, which include; Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Hungary, Austria, Czech Republic and Germany.

I am actually so grateful that I had the opportunity to come on exchange and it really has changed my life, I have so many new friends and I have formed great unbreakable bonds with people with

people I have only know for 2-6 months. My rotary club here in finland are actually amazing, they're so nice and supportive and if it wasn't them I wouldn't of been able to come here. Also If it wasn't for District 9790 or my rotary club or even my friends and family, this would have never been possible so i'm so thankful for you all.

Until next time,
Brydee!



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Coming Events and Club Meetings

Thurs 5/04 - Meeting – Corowa Rowing Club - 6.30 for 7.00

SUN 8/04 – District Assembly – Benalla at the Performing Arts Centre 9.00 for 9.30 am

Thurs 12/04 - Rutherglen Rotary Club Exchange Visit

WED 18/04 – Meal and social night

WED 25/04 – ANZAC DAY - full Rotary meeting (?)(TBC)

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	THUR Apr 12	WED Apr 18	WED Apr 25 (?)
Venue	Corowa RSL	Corowa RSL	Corowa RSL
Program	Rutherglen RC Return Visit	Meal and social night	ANZAC DAY (?)
Chairman	Ray T	Stephen A	Bill B
Treasurer	David T	Ray T	Stephen A
Rotary Grace	Eric S	David T	Ray T
Loyal Toast	Robyn R	Eric S	David T
International Toast	Norman O	Robyn R	Eric S
Rotary Information	Paul Miegel	Norman O	Robyn R
Sergeants Help	Meredith M	Paul Miegel	Norman O

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			

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

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

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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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