



The ROTARY CLUB of COROWA



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Service Above Self

79 Years of Service

Rebecca Kuschert and Miley



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Program and Roster:

Corowa RSL Club

**Wednesday
5th SEPTEMBER**

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This week's speaker was Belinda Kuschert and her lovely daughter Miley. Belinda spoke about Miley and her condition when she was born, Heterotaxy.

Heterotaxy or heterotaxia, is a rare congenital defect in which the major visceral organs are distributed abnormally within the chest and abdomen.

Heterotaxy in general refers to any defect of left-right laterality and arrangement of the visceral organs.

Belinda spoke of the days and following months of treatment at the Royal Childrens Hospital that Miley required after she was born. Belinda and her husband Luke had many months of surgery and waiting to find out the extent of Miley's heterotaxy.

Belinda talked about how Miley's strength and determination was something she herself, finds amazing and is astounded by everyday. Miley has managed to live a relatively normal life despite all the challenges she has. Belinda told the club that Miley still faces more surgery down the track and she is unsure of what forms that may take.

Miley is a normal fun loving little girl who has started playing netball and other sports. She also likes school and her friends. She was particularly proud of the medal she received for her courage and resilience. Miley was a delight to have visit our club and is welcome back anytime.

This extract is from the Miley and Hetrotaxy webpage written by Belinda:

When I was about 35 weeks pregnant Miley stopped moving so we went for an ultrasound. They found out that she possibly had only one kidney. We went back to the doctor and were told to get another ultrasound and a second opinion.

The second opinion confirmed she only had one kidney and that her tummy was on the wrong side. So they induce me at 38 weeks and 6 days. It took all day (a Wednesday) for her to arrive. Five hours after she was born she vomited bright green bile. She was then air lifted to Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne at 4 AM on Thursday morning. We drove there.

When we arrived at the hospital, she had all these scans and tests and the end result for Miley was Situs Ambiguous, stomach on wrong side (right sided), one kidney (solitary left kidney) (which we knew) but she also had malrotation of the gut, two speens (polysplenia), midline liver (liver lays across her body) and two uterus, two cervixs, two vagina and one out hole (Uterus didelphys dicolpos).

So at 2PM (she was less than 12 hours old) she has major bowel surgery to untwist her intestines and she had her appendix removed. Miley then spent 2-3 weeks in the hospital.

Also the poor thing couldn't get off the morphine as she had withdrawals three times. We had a meeting with the genetic team and they told us that Miley had been diagnosed with Heterotaxy-Polysplenia Syndrome and this was based on her features of left-sided heterotaxy which they believe caused her stomach to be on the wrong side, her intestines to be malrotated, liver to be midline and her multiple speens.

They also believe this caused her single left kidney and double uterus and cervix's. The doctors told us that this "spelling mistake" came from a mutated gene that came from my husband and myself but they can't tell us if Miley is a dormant or recessive.

Heterotaxy syndrome is a rare birth defect. It's a very rare syndrome that affects the heart and other organs. 1 out of 4 million births are affected and 15% of them don't make to their 1st birthday. Thankfully Miley isn't in that 15%.

The beginning of the word (hetero-) means "different" and the end (-tax) means "arrangement."





**Some photos of Miley's fun filled night.
She is an inspiration to us all and we were so
impressed by her strength and loving
personality.**



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Rotary Grace:

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

1: International Toast: Tonight's toast was to The Rotary Club of Grand Island, New York. Grand Island Rotary is following a 'Flexible Meeting' Concept, aiming for 2 meetings per month. They meet on Wednesdays at the Holiday Inn Express or Buffalo Launch Club Grand Island, NY 14072 USA. They alternate a dinner and a breakfast meeting every 2 weeks. The President is Dick Earne and they are heavily involved with helping the community and Rotary International.

2: Clean up the Road: Pres Bill talked once again about The Clean Up of our sponsored road. A date is TBC but he spoke about the need to repair the fences etc as the council has already cleaned most of the rubbish up.

3: Markets Sunday: Volunteers needed. Thankss to all who attended.

4: Ride to Conference: Rot. Margaret showed the club the Ride to Conference Photo Book.

5: Liberty Swing: Rot. Paul Mi. Talked about the Liberty Swing idea for Disabled children. He has spoken to council and they looking into it. The council also asked if we would be willing to contribute to other equipment for disabled youngsters. Further discussion to come.

6: Wetlands Update: Rot Meredith updated the club on the graffiti at the Wetlands. Thanks to Meredith the offending graffiti is mostly gone and Jamie Webb from Focus Engineering is donating a jetty to the the wetlands. The boardwalk is being installed the coming weeks and hopefully we will have a meeting/BBQ out there to have a look at it all.

7: Numbers and Guests: Tonight the meeting was attended by 17 Rotarians and 6 guests Wendy D, Belinda, Miley, Nana Jan and our outbound exchange student Deborah and her mum, Anita. Apologies from Wally, Paul Mow, John and Arthur.

8: Upcoming Events:

Wednesday:

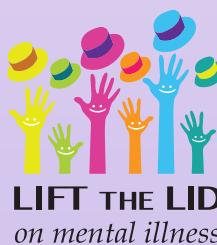
5/9 - Dylan Forge

12/9 - Jeff Nixon

19/9 - Deb Rowe

Mental Health Week – October 10th Hat Day

Karyina Fete – BBQ – 21st October



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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?

From the President...

As I think back over the events of the past few weeks I have been appalled and disappointed at the lack of attention given by our nations parliamentary representatives to the issues of genuine concern to us and our nation.

The evaluation of climate change and global warming upon drought severity and the prevalence of bushfires. The need to find a balance between reducing the price of energy and the impact of climate change. I have no doubt we may well survive increased electricity costs but we will not survive the destruction of our planet. These are but two of the priority issues at this time for our nation.



What does this have to do with Rotary? My response is that our National Parliamentary Representatives could not do better than to take up the four way Rotary test. To ask if their words over the past few weeks have been the truth, have their actions been fair to all concerned, will their actions build goodwill and create better friendships and have their actions be beneficial to all concerned.

As Rotarians from time to time we also need to be mindful of the value of applying the four-way test to our own actions and activities.



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Reminder to pay your Annual Subs:



\$240 per person

These can be paid online with:



Reference: Subs and your surname

Account Name: Rotary Club of Corowa

BSB: 082 559 - Account No: 692 592 173

Rotary Club of Corowa:

Website:

<http://www.corowarotary.org.au>

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<https://www.facebook.com/corowarotary/>



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\$80**

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Raffle:

Presidents Muscat: Rotarian Stephen A (hot!)



Cut the Cards: Rotarian Margaret B



Meeting Date	WED Sept 12th	WED Sept 19th	WED Sept 26th
Venue	Corowa RSL	Corowa RSL	Corowa RSL
Program	Jeff Nixon	Deb Rowe	Megan Davies
Chairman	Norm O'F	Gary P	Robyn R
Treasurer	Gail L	Norm O'F	Gary P
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and on the lighter side: HAHAHAHAHAHAHA.....



Why didn't the toilet paper make it across the road?
He met with too many cracks on the way.

What do you call an egg that doesn't believe in Santa Claus but agrees there is some magic in Christmas?
Eggnostic

What would you call a camel that has no hump?
Humphrey.

"Daddy, what is an alcoholic?"
"Do you see those 4 trees, son? An alcoholic would see 8 trees."
"Um, Dad - there are only 2 trees."

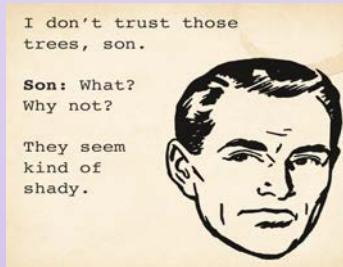
I told my dad that he should embrace his mistakes.
He had tears in his eyes. Then he hugged my sister and me.

"Dad you look tired."
"Oh, you mean the dark circles under my eyes?
Those are the shadows of my great deeds."

I went to choir practice. My dad told me not to forget a bucket. I asked why. Dad said, "You'll need something to carry your tune."

Son: "Am I adopted?"
Dad: "Not yet, it seems nobody is interested."

Dad, I'm done!
Hi Done, I'm dad.



WHAT'S BLUE AND SMELLS LIKE RED PAINT?



BLUE PAINT

WHAT DID THE FARMER SAY WHEN HE COULD'NT FIND HIS TRACTOR?



**WHERE'S MY TRACTOR
GUESS WHO I SAW
TODAY**



**EVERYBODY I LOOKED
AT**

rededit.com/r/AdorableKittens

**WANNA KNOW WHAT
MAKES ME SMILE?**



FACE MUSCLES

**WHY CAN'T THE T-REX
CLAP?**



BECAUSE HE IS DEAD

**WHAT DID BATMAN SAY TO ROBIN
BEFORE THEY GOT IN THE CAR?**



ROBIN, GET IN THE CAR.

Dad Jokes!!

Please remember to notify **Neil Davis** 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 Neil of the number of people attending and if they need the screen and projector.

Neil can be contacted by:

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**The Rotary Club Of Corowa meets every WEDNESDAY
at the Corowa RSL Club: 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start**

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