



The ROTARY CLUB of COROWA



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Service Above Self

79 Years of Service

Deb Rowe



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Program and Roster:

Corowa RSL Club

**Wednesday
19th SEPTEMBER**

**NICK
ALLEN**

(for Megan Davies)

**Chairman
Robyn R**

**Treasurer
Gary P**

**Rotary Grace
Norm O'F**

**Loyal Toast
Jeff N**

**International Toast
Paul Mieg**

**Rotary Information
John L**

**Sergeant's Help
Gail L**



This week's speaker was one of our newest Rotarians, Deborah Rowe: Deb was born in Bury, Lancashire, England to her parents Bill & Doris Kay and she has a sister Maria. The family arrived in Australia 1964 and lived in Mentone and then moved to Wantirna South until she left school. Deb began working at Coles, Dandenong where she met her future husband Guy and they moved in together. Their son, Robert was born in 1980 and their other son Daniel was born in 1982 after which they moved to Lavington, NSW. Due to work they moved back to Melbourne when their daughter Michelle was born in 1984.



Moved to Sale, where Guy was a Coles Manager. Then moved to Wodonga, where Deb was a stay at home mum and worked casual night fill at Coles.

In 1989 they bought the Rainbow Cafe in Jerilderie and life changed direction once again. Deb spoke of how she has been a dancer since the age of 5 to the age of 38 and in 1990 started teaching Jazz Ballet in Jerilderie.



In 1993, the Cafe burned down but Deb spoke passionately about the help and the amazing community spirit they received after the café burnt down. She will forever be grateful for the support her family received. She then worked at the Colony Inn, Jerilderie, whilst Guy managed the Golf Club.



In 1995 Deb and her family once again had to face adversity when their daughter Michelle was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic T-Cell Leukemia in the February of that year. Two years of treatment where

their second home became the Royal Children's Hospital and Ronald McDonald House. During this time Deb worked part time at the Upholsters, part time in the office for Ken Sweeney (horse trainer) and teaching Jazz ballet in Berrigan. Unfortunately, Michelle relapsed in 1999 and underwent a bone marrow transplant but sadly passed away in July 2000.

In July 2001 they moved to Melbourne to support the boys and began working at Coles State Office in Centralised Invoicing and then went to BiLo in Knox City Shopping Centre as part of the opening team and as the Customer Service Manager.

Their son Daniel moved back to Albury and Rob took off backpacking.

So Deb and Guy moved back to Wodonga and worked at Coles Birallee, for over 8 years working in the Office, grocery, general merchandise and OH&S. Guy became the manager of Coles Albury.

They then bought a house in Talgarno, 5 acres on a hill overlooking the Murray River. Rob qualified as a Golf Professional and married his wife Renee in 2009 and the next year Deb started working for them in the Corowa Golf Club Pro Shop. Daniel met his future wife, Emma in Sweden and she moved to Australia.





Deb and Guy moved to Corowa at the end of 2012 (something they both said would be their last move!) In 2014 life changed again when they opened the Barooga IGA Xpress, where Daniel and Deb ran it but she did stay at the pro shop 2 days a week. Guy became a Business Manager for Metcash. They now have grandchildren 2010 Oscar, 2014 Bill & Meredith, 2015 Millicent. Guy leaves Metcash to go into the Barooga supermarket full time and Deb increase her hours at the Pro shop, where she loves working and meeting people.

In 2016 Daniel announced he is gender dysmorphic and is going to now live as the women he is supposed to be and he renames himself Emily. Deb and Guy then buy Daniel & Emma out of the business and put it on the market. Emma & the children move back to Sweden, with their blessing and they sell the supermarket. Deb then started working as

admin at O'Connors Farm Machinery in Corowa.

Over the years Deb has been on many committees, playgroups, preschool, schools, swimming, football, netball, Jerilderie Shire Australia Day and 3 years as the Dance Co-ordinator of the Albury/Wodonga Eisteddfod she also volunteered for Meals on Wheels and Op shop in Jerilderie.

Deb and Guy have had an interesting and at times hard life. Deb is an amazing woman, always happy and willing to help others, something that is needed in a service club like Rotary. Thank you for sharing your story with our club and welcome to the Rotary Club of Corowa, where we hope you have many years of service to the Corowa community.



Announcements

1: International Toast: This week's toast was to The Rotary Club of Aberlour & Speyside in District 1010. The President is Louise Gordon. They meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 at the Alberlour Hotel and were founded in 1985.

2: Clean up the Road: Pres Bill thanked the club for the road clean up of our sponsored road. A big thanks to Rot. Dave for his tractor.

3: Board Meeting: held on Tuesday 18th September, Rot. Eric will email the summary soon.

4: Rotary Information: Rot. Gail talked about RAWCS and how this year is the 55 year of this valuable Rotary initiative. She also reminisced about our club's RAWCS trip to Vanuatu.

5: Reduction of Plastic Initiative: Rot Eric showed a video on a new Rotary campaign. Go to <https://iitime.org/projects/> for more information,

7: DIK: Rot. Norm informed the club that the DIK containers in Albury now have a new home.

8: Upcoming Events:

Wednesday:

26/9 – Nick Allen for Megan Davies

3/10 – Caitlyn Moore

(Scholarship Winner)

Mental Health Week –

October 10th Hat Day

Karyina Fete –

BBQ – 21st October

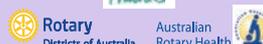


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Rotary Grace:

**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.**

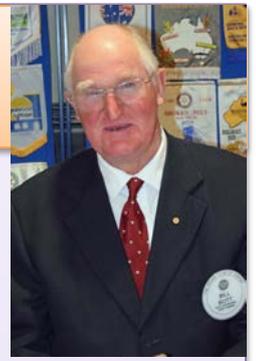
**For Good Food,
For Good Fellowship
And the opportunity
for Serve service in
Rotary,
We Give Thanks.
Amen.**

**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.**

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...



My thanks to the Rotary Members who came out Sunday morning to take down the fencing along Honour Avenue, the Corowa Rotary Club adopted road. This fencing originally had been erected to protect native vegetation. The native vegetation had been planted by volunteers a number of years ago to create a natural vegetation corridor and to assist biodiversity in this area and along the road reserve. Over time the fence had fallen into a state of general disrepair, which detracted from the natural beauty of this primary entrance into Corowa. The Rotary Club of Corowa, while not being involved in the original planting project, took up the challenge to carry out the necessary fence removal. In doing so we have given assistance to our Council to present the best possible appearance for this major entry into Corowa. Again my thanks to all who gave up two and a half hours on Sunday morning to achieve a very much-improved appearance on this our adopted road reserve. A special thank you to Rotarian David Talbot for driving his tractor all the way from Coreen to give us the necessary machinery and power required to complete the task.



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Reminder to pay your Annual Subs:

\$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



Rotary Club of Corowa:

Website:

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

We are also on FACEBOOK!

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



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www.corowarotary.org.au



Raffle:

Presidents Muscat: Rotarian Paul Miegel



Cut the Cards: Rotarian Graham B



Meeting Date	WED Oct 3rd	WED Oct 10th	WED Oct 17th
Venue	Corowa RSL	Corowa RSL	Corowa RSL
Program	Caitlyn Moore	Hat Day	TBC
Chairman	Deb R	Howard S	David T
Treasurer	Robyn R	Deb R	Howard S
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and on the lighter side: HAHAHA!!



TURNING VEGAN
WOULD BE A
BIG
MISSED STEAK

DESPITE THE
HIGH COST
OF LIVING
IT
REMAINS POPULAR

I'M FRIENDS
WITH 25 LETTERS
OF THE
ALPHABET
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IRONY.

THE OPPOSITE
OF
WRINKLY

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LAUGH AT
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CALL ME, I WILL

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THE FOG
I MIST

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.

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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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