



The ROTARY CLUB of COROWA



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Service Above Self

79 Years of Service

Father John



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Program and Roster:

**Corowa
RSL Club**

**Wednesday
31st OCTOBER**

Benoit



**Chairman
Alan W**

**Treasurer
Ray T**

**Rotary Grace
David T**

**Loyal Toast
Wally C**

**International Toast
Deb R**

**Rotary Information
Robyn R**

**Sergeant's Help
Howard S**

This week's speaker was Father John McGrath. Fr John grew up in Tumbarumba, one of 10 children - 6 boys and 4 girls. His mother was born in Tumbarumba, with her father's line being German settlers who came to Tumbarumba in the late 19th century. Two of John's great uncles were killed in France in WW1, so when his German surnamed grandfather was accused of being an 'alien' in WW2, he argued that he was as Aussie as any, and cited the example of his uncles fighting and dying for Oz. John's mother's line was Irish - O'Brien. John's father was born and grew up in Bondi - a stone's throw from the beach. He decided he wanted to be on the land, went to Hawkesbury Ag College and went to Tumbarumba in 1939. He put in for a land ballot and started farming there.



Growing up on the farm produced children who had an ethic of working hard and treating people well. The children were all well educated, and are all professionals - 2 x teachers, 1 x vet, 3 x farmers / shearers, 1 x scientist, 1 x builder, 1 x priest, 1 x free range egg farmer.

John went to boarding school in Goulburn, was accepted to study law at Sydney Uni, but decided to be a priest and studied at St Columba's Seminary Springwood and then he was 4 years at St Patrick's Seminary Manly (near North Head). He had been in churches at Lavington, Wagga, Griffith, Berrigan / Finley, Barooga / Mulwala and Corowa.

He enjoys the work and loved to be involved in the community in other organisations. In Corowa he has been involved with "Who is my Neighbour" - a group with sensitivity and awareness for refugees. Other groups have been "Compassionate Friends" - a support group when a child dies in a family;

"Rural counselling Service" in Griffith in the mid 80's - work with people from the farm community; "Suicide Prevention Group" in Berrigan / Finley plus Chair of the hospital board. He has worked beyond the church in welfare and quasi welfare groups in the community. He made the observation that small communities used to have professionals - bank managers, teachers, doctors - who would be involved in local groups. This is no so much the case today, especially when schools are shrinking and the bank branches are closing and the doctors are often just in situ for a placement period leading to a lack of leadership in small communities.

Fr John is keen on ecumenism - working with other churches in the community. He also has a great interest in sport - loves cricket - although he doesn't play. His family was involved in racing. They had a horse called 'Preacher' out of mare 'Salvation' with sire 'Talking



Thanks to Margaret and Meredith for the notes and photos for this week's bulletin!! Very much appreciated.



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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.

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For Good Food,
For Good Fellowship
And the opportunity to Serve 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.

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?

Announcements

Federation Festival Update:

- 1. Letters of invitation have been sent out to bands re their possible participation in the parade.
- 2. Letter had been sent to the 5th 6th Pipe band inviting their participation
- 3. **B&S** today Gary lodged a new application for the liquor license for the B&S Ball. This was a huge technological step up for Gary, motivated by the fact that it was to cost \$80 to register on line vs \$150 by post.

International toast: Rotary club of Toronto - host of the recent international Convention

- 1:** Ann Fealy and the "Shine" dress shop is holding a sale this Saturday. 10% of sales will be donated to the drought appeal. Ann contacted rotary as a conduit to dispersing monies (ref Eric)
 - 2:** North Albury RC is promoting a polio Plus fund raiser - a film night on Thursday 1st November. The film is "A Bohemian Rhapsody" and cost \$25 a ticket. Please let Neil know by Sunday if you would like to go. (Ref emailed flier)
 - 3:** Karinyah House BBQ - \$397 was raised by the BBQ, which equates to over \$600 total contribution to the auxiliary (given the donation of meat and bread and onion)
 - 4:** Volunteers needed for Markets Sunday 4th November - names taken next week
 - 5:** Volunteers needed for Twilight Race Meeting 5th November - names taken next week. Gates open about 10 am.
 - 6:** Friends of Rotary: Paul Mowlam - after consultation with his two specialists this week - will have his operation later next week.
 - 7:** Ben has been canoeing this week and saw an eagle or two. He is still on holidays, although goes to Rutherglen HS on Wednesdays and Fridays to help the French teacher when she is there. He is changing host families Thurs 25th to the home of Gail and John. He is still available to go with any Club member on any activity - please give him a ring: **his Mobile is 0490 026 515.**
- Note: Ben can run 100m in 10.80 secs. Usain Bolt runs that distance in 9.59 secs...
- 8:** Norm needs an assistant to go with him to pick up a trailer in Melbourne. He has a Potts's large trailer to put the 6 x 4 trailer onto to bring back for use by DIK.
 - 9:** Robert and Janet attended an Australian Mechanical Organ Society gathering in Wagga last weekend. There were 28 persons attending and some 18 organs on display.
 - 10:** Michael Dickins won 7 gold and 5 silver medals in competition in Alice Springs this week.

Upcoming Events:

- October: Wednesday: 31/10 - Benoit (French Legend)**
- November: 4/11 - Markets - Volunteers needed.**
- 7/11 - AT MUSEUM - NOT AT THE RSL - PARTNERS NIGHT**
- 14/11 - Visit to RUTHERGLEN RC - Partners Night - See Neil for numbers.**
- 21/11 - Debating Round 2 - Trinity HS (negative) V Corowa HS (affirmative). Topic: "Despite the number of communications devices, we have stopped communicating"



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From the President...

One of the great strength of Rotary in Corowa is that if there is a task to be done there always seems to be a Rotarian prepared to come forward and give of their time to carry out the work. I again witnessed this ethos of "Rotary Excellence" in action on Sunday at the Southern Cross Karinya fete. Led by Ian Brooks the Corowa Rotary team of Neil Davis, Paul and Meredith Miegel and our exchange student Ben, supplied the labour for a successful and much appreciated barbeque. Thank you to the team for a job well done. As we approach November we are going to need support and volunteers to man the monthly market and to man the Race Gates for Corowa Melbourne Cup race meeting. We will talk about these events and establish volunteer rosters at next week meeting.



Karinya BBQ



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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/>



WINE PACKS

Port ~ Muscat ~ Topaque

\$60



Order form on the Website:
www.corowarotary.org.au

Raffle:

Presidents Muscat:

HM Robert D



Cut the Cards: Rotarian Wally C



Meeting Date	WED Nov 7th	WED Nov 14th	WED Nov 21st
Venue	Corowa Museum	RC of Rutherglen	Corowa RSL
Program	Corowa Museum	Rutherglen	Debate
Chairman	President Bill	TBC	Meredith M
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Club of Albury North

presents

Bohemian Rhapsody

a foot-stomping celebration
of Queen and lead singer,
Freddie Mercury.

at 6.45pm on
Thursday 1st November
at Regent Cinema in Albury

Tickets \$25

Book by contacting
Mary Widdicombe
on 0407217321

mwidd56@gmail.com

Or through your participating Rotary Club

FEARLESS
LIVES
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BOHEMIAN
RHAPSODY

Trailer: www.bit.ly/BohRhapTrailer

Proceeds support Rotary's
End Polio Now Program

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and on the lighter side... HAHAHA!!



Today at the bank, an old lady asked me to help check her balance. So I pushed her over.

I bought some shoes from a drug dealer. I don't know what he laced them with,
but I've been tripping all day.

I told my girlfriend she drew her eyebrows too high. She seemed surprised.

My dog used to chase people on a bike a lot. It got so bad; I finally had to take his bike away.

I'm so good at sleeping. I can do it with my eyes closed.

My boss told me to have a good day... so I went home.

Why is Peter Pan always flying? He Neverlands.

Did you hear about the Italian chef that died? He pasta way.

**The other day, my wife asked me to pass her lipstick but I accidentally passed
her a glue stick. She still isn't talking to me.**

Why do blind people hate skydiving? It scares the hell out of their dogs.

Parallel lines have so much in common. It's a shame they'll never meet.

What do you call a guy with a rubber toe? Roberto.

What did the pirate say when he turned 80 years old? Aye matey.

My wife told me I had to stop acting like a flamingo. So I had to put my foot down.

I couldn't figure out why the baseball kept getting larger. Then it hit me.

Why did the old man fall in the well? Because he couldn't see that well.

I ate a clock yesterday... it was very time consuming.

What do you call a Frenchman wearing sandals? Phillippe Phillope.

A blind man walks into a bar, and a table, and a chair.

I know a lot of jokes about unemployed people but none of them work.

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:

Phone or text on **0499 878 529** or email davis98@bigpond.net.au

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE REPLY DETAILS HAVE CHANGED



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

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