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Service Above Self

79 Years of Service

DR AYON GUHA

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Program and Roster:

COROWA RSL CLUB

Wednesday 13th February

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This week's speaker was one of our newest Rotarians Dr Ayon Guha. Ayon spoke about his life and the many adventures he has had on his way to his time in Corowa. Ayon was born and only child in India. He was a bit if a "terror" in school as he was bored easily but he is very smart and when interested in a topic can easily understand it. He confessed he got into a lot of trouble at school but did fairly well by having an excellent memory and educating himself, as he had to fully understand a concept to get it. After school he went to university and studied Engineering, where he became a mechanical engineer (and received a Gold medal in Engineering Design) from his University.

After Uni he was offered a job in New York and worked for an engineering company, travelling around the world, looking at oil drilling and fracking amongst other things. Ayon left there after 18 months and went to work with his old boss for the Boston Group. He moved to Sydney, Australia and worked there for 6 years. The Boston Group looked at lots of different engineering issues, such as, developing cables under the ocean from the US to Europe, worked with the Nike Corporation, working in Antarctica looking for Oil and gas and in Brazil looking for Nickel.

He has been to 46 countries all over the world and can speak about 5 languages. He later started his own company with a former boss but sold it after 6 years and Ayon found himself in Perth. After taking a year off, where he travelled around the world and living a free spirited life back packing, Ayon decided he was bored and needed a new career. He chose medicine! (lucky for us!) He started his doctor journey by studying as the University of Western Australia, after studying for 6 year and specialising in Cardiology and receiving a Medal for Medicine for his excellent studying, he started working at the Royal Perth Hospital where he meet his lovely wife Wen. As part of his internship he had to undertake a rural residency, he chose to go to Fitzroy Crossing, where by fate his supervisor was our own Dr Bruce Slonim, who after Ayon suggested he wanted to raise his family in a quieter and rural town, suggested he come to Corowa for a year. 4 years and a partnership in the Medical Centre later, Ayon has become part of the town and with his wife and son, has decided to make Corowa his home (we hope for a very long time!!) Ayon loves the quieter town, being part of the community (hence joining Rotary) and he feels this is a great place to work and live with his family.

Guest Exchange Student Andy from Taiwan

Announcements

International toast: Rotary Club of Singapore
Rotary Information: see below.
1: Reminder our awesome **Exchange Student Benoit** is available to go with any Club member on any activity - please give him a ring**: his Mobile is 0490 026 515**.
2: District Conference in Melbourne – Next Week.
3: NO markets till March.
4: From President Bill: Bill addressed the resignation of John and Gail Law with the club. He has spoken to them via email. The Law's wish to after 17 years in Rotary have some time to themselves and still be friends of Rotary. He thanked them once again for their service. He also talked about what members he would like to see replace the jobs they do. e.g. markets etc.

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Upcoming Events:

20/2: Brydee Lavis Exchange year in Finland.
27/2: Sgt Gary Lewis
TBC: Corowa Chocolate & Whisky Factory – Combined meeting with Rutherglen.
TBC: BBQ – in Rowers Park
Melbourne Conference
March: KVE – Catering at Showgrounds.

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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?

From the President…

On a reason visit to our clubs web site I noted that the Fred Taylor Memorial Scholarship has opened to applicants on February 1st. and will close March 31st. The Fred Taylor Memorial Scholarship is funded by a bequest from long time Rotarian Fred Taylor, who wished to see a scholarship fund established for students who were residents of Corowa while studying their HSC and who are now undertaking full time Tertiary studies. The Rotary Club of Corowa is pleased to be able to offer Corowa students this opportunity to apply for the scholarship worth $3,000, a scholarship that is to be used to give assistance to the student in their tertiary study year. The scholarship is open to any students undertaking full time tertiary study, irrespective of which year of the course they are undertaking. It is also open to those undertaking full time postgraduate studies and TAFE courses. I am seeking assistance from members to assist the club to adequately publicize the availability of this significant Scholarship. I am requesting members who may know students who will be entering into a year of tertiary study that the opportunity to apply for the Fred Taylor Memorial Scholarship is now open and available.

Ben and Brydee – Exchange Students - Dookie

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Rotary

Debra – Outbound Exchange Student - Brazil

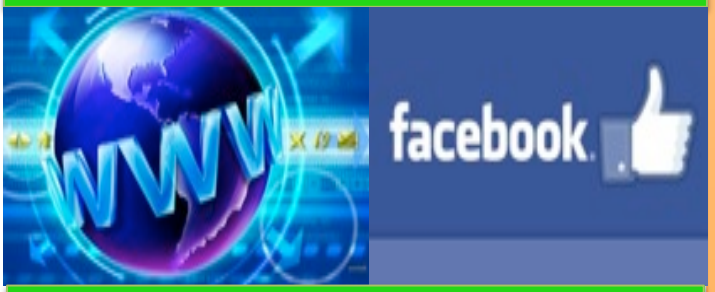
Rotary Club of Corowa:

Website:

http://www.corowarotary.org.au

We are also on FACEBOOK!

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



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Raffle:

Presidents Muscat:
Rot. Gary P

Cut the Cards:
Rot. Stephen A

Meeting Date	WED FEB 20th	WED FEB 27th	WED MAR 6th
Venue	RSL CLUB	RSL CLUB	TBC
Program	Brydee Lavis	Sgt Gary Lewis and Snr Const Matt Smith	TBC
Chairman	Jeff N	Norm O'F	Gary P
Treasurer	Paul M	Jeff N	Norm O'F
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Rotary Information

Rotary Youth Exchange in the Corowa Rotary Club

Since 1927 RI has sent young people around the world to experience new cultures. The RC of Copenhagen initiated the first Rotary exchange in 1927 and the RC of Nice, France followed suit soon after in 1929. The first exchanges took place during school vacations and were for only a couple of weeks duration. The year-long RYE program was created in 1958 in Lake Placid at a Rotary Governors' Assembly. Here many rules and procedures were established that still exist today. The first year-long exchange conducted by Rotary under this new framework involved a student leaving from Scottsbluff, Nebraska to live in Myrtleford, Australia for 10 months and two Australians from Myrtleford arriving in Grand Lake, Colorado.

The Rotary Club of Corowa has been involved in this program since 1962, when they sponsored Jenny Parkin on exchange to USA, and hosted John Gramlich from USA in 1963. It should be noted that this was in an era of snail mail, slower transport (maybe sea travel not air travel) and no mobile phones. Communication home would have taken quite some time – a matter of weeks – and the students would have had to be quite resilient, self reliant and adapt well in their exchange situation.

Over the years, our Club has sponsored 27 outbound students on exchange to 14 countries, and has hosted 24 inbound students from 15 countries.

We do not exchange with USA so much today, as most students/organisers feel the cultures are too similar and the students would also prefer to learn a new language. Hence most of our recent students have been to or from Europe, Japan or Brazil. We have only sent one student out to France – Sarah Hughes (2017) – and Benoit is our second inbound from France – the other being Axel Klein (2011-12). Debra Everingham – our current outbound – is the third student we have sent to Brazil, the other two being Chris Arnott (2001) and Rebecca Bridges (2007). From Brazil we have enjoyed the company of Rafael Possobon (2001) and Mathias Jacobs (2010).

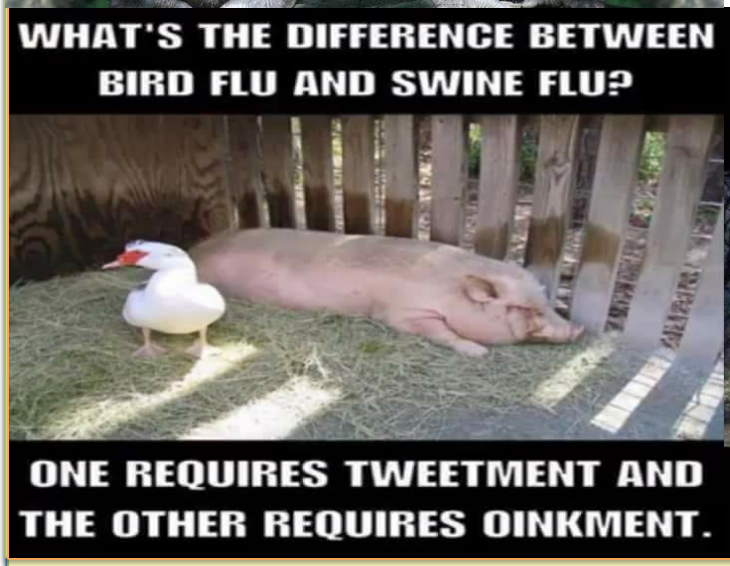
It may be of interest to the Club – especially to our newer members – to know that our Meredith was also an exchange student – to Japan. The Club might find the story of Meredith's exchange very interesting one evening!

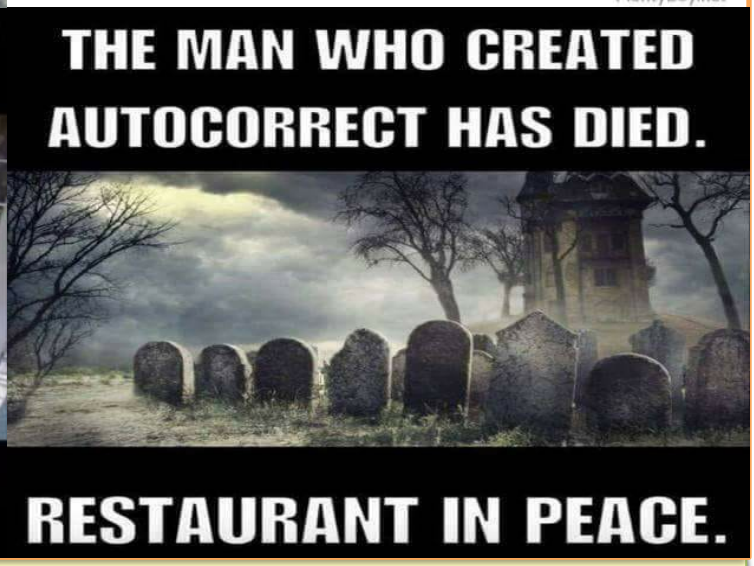
50 years of RYE was celebrated in 2008, when all involved in the organisation that year were presented with 50 year badges. This would have included outbound Vanessa Miegel (Japan) and inbound Charlotte Svensson (Sweden).

FOOTNOTE: The Club would be most interested to know that Hon Rotarian Robert remembers the Club's first inbound John Gramlich very well. He was hosted by Robert's parents Col and Win Dickins out on the Buraja farm. They also were one of the host families for the second inbound – Jean de Leon Torre (Philippines) in 1967-8.

Outbound			Inbound		
1962	Jenny Parkin	USA	1963	John Gramlich	USA
			1967-8	Jean de Leon Torre	Philippines
1975	Zara Morriss	Thailand			
1977	Leanne Jones	Japan			
1978	Bridget Punch	Philippines			
1981	Christine Barron	Japan	1981	Kei Sharaki	Japan
			1982	Anne-Marie Schinkel	Canada
1984	Kent Gillman	Sweden	1984	Mandelain Anderssen	Sweden
1986-7	Kylea Anderson	Canada	1987	Cindy Bernson	USA
1988	Amanda Macaulay	Norway			
1989	Jodi Bruton	Denmark	1989	Mercy Molina	Mexico
1990	Janelle Hanson	USA	1989-90	John Oliver	USA
1990	Shelley Talbot	Japan			
1994	Natasha Anthony	Canada	1993-4	Cindy Laschet	Belgium
1995-6	Lauren Ferguson	Alaska, USA	1996-7	Bjorn Dufwenberg	Sweden
1998	Claire Mackinlay	Switzerland	1998-9	Nora Schweitzer	Switzerland
2001	Chris Arnott	Brazil	2001	Rafael Possobon	Brazil
2003	Jessica Glabbatz	Germany	2003-4	Maria Stock	Germany
2005	Jaclyn Webb	USA	2005-6	Kate Laramie	USA
2007	Rebecca Bridges	Brazil	2007-8	Anna Zochbauer	Austria
2008	Vanessa Miegel	Japan	2008-9	Charlotte Svensson	Sweden
2009	Sebastian Nicholson	Germany	2009-10	Anders Larsen	Denmark
			2010	Mathias Jacobs	Brazil
2011	Brittany Cooke	Switzerland	2011-12	Axel Klein	France
2013	Harry Overend	Austria	2013-14	Louise Wetterlundh	Sweden
2014	Grace Baker	Sweden	2014-5	Susanna Mora	Italy
2016	WIll Robertson	Germany	2016-7	Emma Jepson	Denmark
2017	Sarah Hughes	France	2017-8	Vera Toppara	Finland
2018	Brydee Lavis	Finland	2018-9	Benoit Turmeau	France
2019	Debra Everingham	Brazil			

and on the lighter side... HAHAHA!!





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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* Vaccinates someone
* Performs surgery on someone
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* Provides clean water to someone

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