



# The ROTARY CLUB of COROWA

80 Years of Service

*Service Above Self*

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## **Kerrie Crawford – Rotary Club of Corowa’s Newest Member**

Kerrie was the 4<sup>th</sup> born of 5 children to Pat and Frank Baring. Unlike my older brothers I was not born in Rutherglen. I was born in a bit of a hurry as mum’s water broke and she went into labor at a Shepparton Harness Twilight Race Meeting. Thankfully, I was not born track side, as Dad got mum to the local hospital with 15 minutes to spare.

Surprisingly, I don’t have much passion for horse racing even though that’s my beginning to life. I do however have a punt on the nags every Melbourne Cup Day.

I was lucky enough to have grown up close to all my extended family. My earliest and happiest memories of my childhood are spent in Rutherglen with all my grandparents.

Mt Dad’s parents, May and Robert Baring lived across the road from us. Nanny was from Irish Catholic stock. Her great grandfather was sent to Australia on a convict ship called “Sarah” on 28 September 1829 for stealing a coat. Nan’s grandparents lived in Eldorado and men in the family were blacksmiths. Like most families in the region our family has the tale that Nanny and Grandfather Charles Culph shod Ned Kelly’s horse and that Ned was a scallywag and not as bad as made out. Whether there is any truth to this tale that has been handed down who knows... Nan was a superstitious, swearing, smoking, drinking lady who could tell a wild tale all in good humor and all was forgiven every Sunday at Mass.

My pa was a gentle Englishman who had the most wonderful nature. He moved to Rutherglen in the 1940’s. Bob was a builder and specialized in swimming pools. Bob built the Rutherglen Memorial Pool sometime around 1954 - 1955 and build many other town pools over the years. Bob also built the very controversial top on the water tower in 1967 now known as the Big Wine Bottle in Rutherglen. It was built to promote a wine festival to give the town a much needed boost. We now know this to be the Winery Walkabout Weekend. Pa was made a Life Member of the Rutherglen Swimming Club for all his work over the years on the Committee.

My mother’s parents are Bill and Elaine Francis. Bill was the second generation born in Rutherglen. His grandfather migrated to Australia from England in his late 20’s and settled in Rutherglen 1884. His mother’s family came from Scotland and Wales and settled in Snake Valley in 1882 (Beechworth). My gran was a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation born in Rutherglen. Her grandfather George Baker was born in Tasmania in 1835 and moved to Springhurst in 1878.

My grandfather Bill was a local farmer, with the gift of breaking in horses (his specialty was Trotters). He was a Life Member of Rutherglen Show Society and Rutherglen Football Club. Gramps played a few games for Fitzroy but missed Rutherglen and came home. He was a Morris Medal Award player in 1939 and is names as the hb in CRFC Team of the Century. My gran was the most amazing cook and I have many fond memories of cooking with her at the family farm kitchen at Conarra, Rutherglen. They both lived long lives 80 and 85 years,

I moved to Corowa from Melbourne in 1991 and married my childhood Sweetheart Darren in 1994. Darren is a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Corowa local. His grandfather Archie Crawford moved to Corowa from Mulwala with his mother and they built the Guy Street Store. He ran and operated until his retirement in 1988 and died on his first night of retirement. DRREN’S NAN Elsie Crawford was born and raised in Everton. My children are lucky enough to have spent quality time with their great Nan up until her passing away 10 years ago. Darren and I have 4 children: Harry, Charles and twin daughter Ruby and Lilly, who are the light of our lives. The 2 boys have both just left home in the past 6 months which has taken some adjusting to. Our girls are both still at home and though they are both 20 years old, I cannot see them moving far in the next few years.

To me my greatest achievement in my life has been becoming a mum.

# The Rotary Club Of Corowa

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**Treasurer:** Rotarian David Potts **President Elect 2020-21:** Rotarian Norman O'Flaherty

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## CHANGEOVER

The Rotary Club of Corowa will be holding their changeover on  
Wednesday 1 July 2020  
at the Corowa RSL Club

Please advise Neil immediately of any changes to your  
attendees as places are limited due to the restrictions

Cost \$45.00 per head

PP Bill presided over the meeting in President Paul's absence. Gary was Chairperson.

**Raffle:** Number 33: guest Graeme Burmeister

**Cut the Cards :** 3 Diamonds - Alan

**Guests:** Graeme Burmeister: Rotary Club of Wollundry – Wagga Wagga. Graeme is the only surviving Charter member of the Club which has 65 members.

**Rotary Information: Deb:**

**International Toast: Graeme C: see in Bulletin elsewhere**

**Markets: 5 July to be held in the Carpark.** Container needs checking as lock was found missing during COVID19 shut down and container was found open. Nothing appears missing and new lock now in place. Need some food suppliers for Market as some are not now going to be there. Debbie to organize with Meredith

Graeme asked for members to volunteer for Market – names and numbers will be called for next week.

**SYMPATHY: The Club's sympathy was extended to Wally and the Cann family on the passing of Rose Cann.**

**SERGEANT AT ARMS:** David carried out an interesting fine session finding out what those present have been doing in the past week.

**ROTARY CLUB OF COROWA CHANGEOVER:**

Margaret reported 38 have booked for Changeover. Please remember appropriate clothing for this Event.

**Next Week's Roster:**

**Treasurers:** Stephen and Gary

**MC:** David P

**Welcome:** Paul

**Call to Order:** David T

**Loyal Toast:** Robyn

**Rotary Grace:** Ian K

**Object of Rotary:** Bill

**Toast to Rotary International:** Graham B

**Response:** PDG Brian Peters

**Fines:** David T and Ray

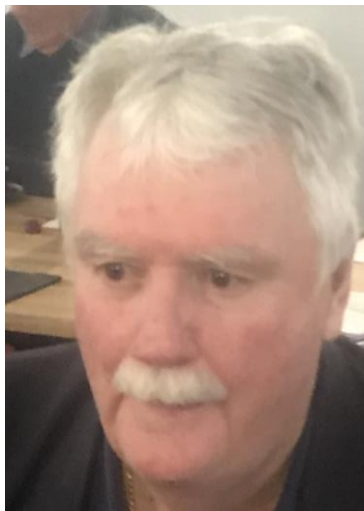
# The Rotary 4 Way Test

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?



**Guest Speaker  
Kerrie Crawford**

## **INTERNATIONAL TOAST: Graeme C:**

The Rotary Club of Auckland is one of the longest serving Clubs in Australasia. It was founded on 13 June, 1921 with 55 Charter Members by Special Commissioner, Jim Davidson from the Rotary Club of Calgary.

As the first service club in Auckland, Rotary pursued a vigorous community services program.

The core project each year is bringing the World Press Photo Exhibition to Auckland. Run since 2010, the exhibition is used to raise money for a range of local charities. It is also an opportunity for our Club members to volunteer at the event.

Regular volunteer events are organized such as cooking at Ronald McDonald House, helping to sort clothing and donations at the Auckland City Mission and packing Emergency Response Kits (ERKs) for the Pacific Islands.

Since 2008, the Club has run a golf invitational fundraising tournament as a successful way to raise funds for further charitable works. It is also a fun day out and a bit of healthy competition amongst the serious golfers.

The Club meets Mondays at 12.15pm at Stamford Plaza in Auckland.

Thanks Graeme

## **ROTARY INFORMATION: Deb:**

**Rotary provides \$20 million to help communities worldwide respond to COVID-19. Evanston, 111 (June 23, 2020) Rotary members through out the world are working safely and diligently to assess and provide for urgent community needs as they strive to respond and recover from the effects of COVID-19.**

**While following social-distancing and health guidelines, they are providing comfort and hope to those feeling the effects of isolation and fear and focusing their resources and solutions toward supporting frontline health workers and first responders as they battle this disease and save lives.**

**As leaders in virtually every community on earth, we bring a unique combination of local knowledge and access to a global network of expertise and resources.**

**In the face of uncertainty, we are adapting to shifting needs to offer immediate help to people at a rapid pace. We will remain committed to recovering from the health crisis for as long as it takes.**

**Rotary members are taking action to provide a range of solutions including handwashing stations and food to those unable to socialize distance in Kenya, lifesaving information about preventing the spread of COVID-19 in India, ventilators and protective gear for overstretched hospitals in Italy and vital social connections to neighbors who live alone in Bethesda, Maryland.**

**The Rotary Foundation, Rotary's charitable arm, has to date awarded \$20 million to support Rotary Clubs worldwide in their immediate response to COVID-19 in their communities and to long term recovery efforts.**

Thanks Deb



**Do you know what you can hold without ever touching it?**

**A conversation.**

**I wonder what my parents did to fight boredom before the internet. I asked my 17 brothers and sisters and they didn't know either.**

**Q: Is Google male or female?**

**A: Female because it does not let you finish a sentence before making a suggestion.**

**A science teacher tells his class, "Oxygen is a must for breathing and life. It was discovered in 1773." A blonde student responds, "Thank God I was born after 1773! Otherwise I would have died without it."**

**Why do cows wear bells?  
Because their horns don't work!**

**A woman noticed her husband standing on the bathroom scale, sucking in his stomach. "Ha! That's not going to help," she said.  
"Sure, it does," he said. "It's the only way I can see the numbers."**

**The four most beautiful words in our common language: I told you so.**

A blonde goes into a nearby store and asks a clerk if she can buy the TV in the corner. The clerk looks at her and says that he doesn't serve blondes, so she goes back home and dyes her hair black. The next day she returns to the store and asks the same thing, and again, the clerk said he does not serve blondes. Frustrated, the blonde goes home and dyes her hair yet again, to a shade of red. Sure that a clerk would sell her the TV this time, she returns and asks a different clerk this time. To her astonishment, this clerk also says that she does not serve blondes. The blonde asks the clerk, "How in the world do you know I am a blonde?" The clerk looks at her disgustedly and says, "That's not a TV, it's a microwave!"

A wise old gentleman retired and he bought a modest home near a junior high school. He spent the first few weeks of his retirement in a peaceful and silent place. Then a new school year began. The very next afternoon, everything changed. Three young boys, who were full of joy after they left the school, walked down the gentleman's street. They were beating almost on every trashcan they met. They did the same thing every other day. The wise old man got an idea and decided to do something about it.

The next afternoon, he went out on the street to meet the young boys. He stopped them and said, "You kids are a lot of fun. You know, I used to do the same thing when I was your age. Will you do me a favor? I'll give you each a dollar if you'll promise to come here every day and do this." The kids were so happy to hear this and continued to beat the trashcans.

After a few days, the old man greeted the kids again. But this time he had a sad smile on his face. "This recession is a bit harsh on me," he told them. "From now on, I'll only be able to pay you 50 cents to beat on the cans."

The noisemakers weren't happy about it, but they accepted his offer and continued their job. A few days later, the old man met them again when they were drumming on the street.

"Look," he said, "I haven't received my Social Security check yet. So I'm not going to be able to give you more than 25 cents. Will that be okay?" "Only 25 cents?" one of the boys exclaimed. "If you think we're going to waste our time, and beat these cans around for 25 cents, you're silly! No way. We quit!"

And the old man enjoyed peace and calm around his house for the rest of his days.

**A police officer stops a blonde for speeding and asks if he could see her license. She replied in a huff, "I wish you guys could get your act together. Just yesterday you take away my license and today you expect me to show it to you!..."**

**Can February March?**

**No, but April May!**

**Why do cow-milking stools only have three legs?**

**Because the cow's got the udder!**

**Why do you smear peanut butter on the road?**

**To go with the traffic jam.**