

Rotary Club of Corowa



83 years of Service

Bulletin Issue 83 number 21 17th Nov 21



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Program and Roster:

Corowa Golf Club
Wed 24th Nov

Program

Fellowship

Chairman

Graeme C

Treasurer

David T

Rotary Grace

Lis

Loyal Toast

Howard

International Toast

Ray

Rotary Information

David P

Seargents Help

Neil

International Toast: Queenstown Rotary has been chartered since April 1944. (I had to look that up!) We currently have 52 members, having increased our membership over the past couple of years thanks to a concerted effort to attract new members. Queenstown is primarily a resort town and with lake and mountains, it is known as the "adventure capital of New Zealand" being the home of bungy jumping, skiing, rafting, biking etc. etc. As a consequence of that Covid has had a marked effect on the town with many businesses struggling. As we have had relative freedom within New Zealand and no ability to travel overseas the domestic tourism has compensated for this to some extent.

As we have a small town called Glenorchy 45 km from here at the head of the lake, we have been approached and are entering into a sister club formal relationship with the Glenorchy club of Tasmania.

We meet weekly for a dinner meeting at a local hotel but once a month we have started an offsite meeting at various venues around town, and this has been a very popular move with the members.

As a club we have raised money for covid relief in our area over the past year. Our current President has an environmental agenda so we are working with local groups clearing unwanted plants from hillsides etc. Our membership director is also organising a weekend away for March next year to another town, approx. 3hours drive from here tying in environmental talks , interclub meetings, meals and activities such as boat trips , walks etc.

Note: their club president is Jason Climo and they meet at 5.30 on Tuesdays at the Holiday Inn.

Rotary Information: Rotary Information 17th November 2021.

1. My Rotary information is Rotary information itself.
2. Some years ago, Corowa Rotary Club introduced the International Toast and Rotary information to be part of each weekly meeting. This is where each Rotarian was rostered to investigate an international Toast and a piece of Rotary information
3. At the time we had quite a few new members. At the time the board found that some members, not just the new member were struggling to keep up with changes to the Rotary organization.
4. So, Rotary information was introduced to lift the knowledge of the new members as well as some of the older members. To try to bring all members up to speed with changes in Rotary.

So, a challenge was given to all our members to investigate some part of Rotary. Maybe something they did not understand or were not sure about. If they are not sure about some part of Rotary, it stands to reason that there could be other members who would be in a similar position.

5. At this present time, it is quite noticeable that the enthusiasm for Rotary Information and the international Toast has waned quite a bit.

6. For me this was particularly noticeable when I was putting together last week's international toast. To find out additional information for the toast I had to contact the club I was proposing to toast.

Namely the Noon Rotary Club of Grand Island Nebraska, USA.

7. The reaction I received surprised me. So I will just read what was sent back to me ---

8. Hello Neil, what a very cool request! I can tell you our club president is Brad Mellema. I'm going to be heading into my office within about an hour and a half, and I will do some work to gather up that information! My name is LeAnne and I have been a rotary member since 2018, so fairly new to the organization! I do the posting to our Facebook page And I'm currently president elect. I'm learning a lot more about rotary every day!

9. That is an amazing way to branch out and understand the scope of this organization globally! That is something we are working on in our chapter, we all have a strong sense of our own community and the need for service right here, I think there is always so much to learn from exploring outside our area, so much to be inspired by when you look at other chapters across the globe!

10. As I mentioned Brad Mellema is our current President. Each week we meet and have a local speaker come in and share a topic with us. It's a great way we have been able to stay engaged in our community and make some new connections! Brad is a wonderful resource for our Rotary chapter, he is the head of the local convention and visitor's bureau, so as you can imagine, he has a wealth of knowledge and connections in our community!

11. I really love the connection you have to Rotary in relation to your daughter's experience! Grand Island has two Rotary chapters. Our group is the larger one, we typically meet at noon. There is a smaller group that typically meets early in the morning, called the Sunrise club. There is a gentleman in that club that is very involved in the youth activities, and I am just becoming more familiar with him now that we are getting out a bit more from the pandemic. I have a lot to learn about those programs and I plan to get to know him better so I can learn more about that! I believe that gentleman is an upcoming district officer.

12. At this point she goes on to give me more information about her club, which I read out last week.

13. I would bet that when she is President that she will be introducing an international toast and Rotary information.

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?



This week Gary had a lot to say!
Reminder: Pay for your conference tickets
asap as you will save yourself over \$20.

***Please do not tell the waitresses that you do not eat what they put in front of you. You can make the change with the person next to you after the meals have all been placed on your table! Our arrangement with the Royal are for 2 alternate meals for the number of people we have pre booked in.**

Reminder- Next week are meeting at the Corowa Golf Club for fellowship and a game of Charades, partners welcome.



Birthdays

Lis Newnham 14th Oct 1974



Guest Speaker- Deb Hynes ReConnect Corowa

Deb and her husband moved from Melbourne to Balldale 23 years ago. During her first 12 months here she gave birth to their son and became a widow. Deb has worked in various jobs to support her family Golf Club, Balldale Pub, Chef at Wahgunyah Pub, ran a small business, but for the past 4.5 years she has been the Manager of Reconnect Communications Corowa. During her time in this job Deb's store has won Store of the year, Staff excellence of the year and Telstra's Number 1 business partner of the year Australia wide.



It was 20 years ago when ReConnect Communications first opened its doors to the residents of Albury/Wodonga. What started as one store in the CBD of Albury has now grown to a chain of stores covering Southern NSW and North East Victoria.

Teaming up with Telstra, Australia's largest mobile network, ReConnect Communications has become an Award winning Telstra Partner. Mobile Phones became our core product and over time ReConnect has become a Telecommunications One Stop Shop, specialising in all of your telecommunications needs.

We have been connecting our customers' at home with Fixed Line Connections, ADSL Internet and now we are excited to bring the NBN network to our customers.

ReConnect offers our customers the opportunity to take their technology mobile with Wireless Internet solutions including mobile tablets.

Over time ReConnect has developed a strong connection with the local business community and provided technology solutions to businesses. It's not often that businesses get a second chance and having the right Business System plays a big part in the way they run their business. ReConnect understands that there is not a one size fits all solution and our Business to Business team works with our customers to find the right solution.

IMPROVE YOUR MOBILE COVERAGE

Telstra Go
Cel-Fi Repeater

You can get 5 Bars in 5 minutes

ReConnect
Communications

The One For me!
www.reconnect.net.au

Deb Hynes
Manager - ReConnect Corowa
P: 0260 332211
debra.hynes@reconnect.net.au

1300 THE ONE
1300 843 663

T PARTNER

Albury - Wodonga - Lavington - Temora - Tumut - Corowa

If you have any technical queries or need to check out new products or need to get a new plan. Please either go instore and see Deb or give her a call on: 0260332211



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/>

Raffle Presidents Muscat: Dee Pentrey



Cut the cards: Jeff Nixon



Please remember to notify **Neil Davis** if you **CAN NOT** attend our weekly meetings or if you wish to bring any guests.

Neil can be contacted by:

Phone or text on 0400 481 496

Email: davis98@bigpond.net.au

Deadline for replies is 11am Wed

Meeting Date	Wed 1 st Dec	Wed 8 th Dec	SUN 12 th Dec
Venue	Royal Hotel	Royal Hotel	GOLF CLUB
Program	Prevention month	Annual general Meeting	Christmas Party
Chairman	Graham B	Deb Rowe	12.30 Lunch –Roast turkey / baked ham & Vegies Sweets- Plum pudding & custard / fruit salad & ice cream Cost- \$30 pp
Treasurer	Graeme C	Graham B	
Rotary Grace	David T	Graeme C	
Loyal Toast	Lis N	David T	
International Toast	Howard	Lis N	
Rotary Information	Ray	Howard	
Sergeants Help	David P	Ray	

Deb's bright side of life



**Wife texts husband on a cold winter morning:
"Windows frozen, won't open."**

Husband texts back: "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it and then gently tap edges with hammer."

Wife texts back 10 minutes later: "Computer really messed up now."



My grandma talking to my mom about her new hearing aid, "it's the most expensive one you can buy, it cost me \$4,000"

My mom: "What kind is it"

My grandma: "it's 4:15pm"

The Rotary Club Of Corowa meets every WEDNESDAY @ The Royal Hotel: 6.30pm for a 7pm start

President 2021-2022: Rotarian Deb Rowe

Secretary: Rotarian Margaret Brown

Treasurer: Rotarian Paul Miegel

Vice President: Rotarian Norman O'Flaherty

President Elect 2022-2023: Rotarian Stephen Apps

P.O. Box 153 Corowa, NSW 2646.

Bulletin Editor: Rotarian Kerrie Crawford
crawfordkerrie@y7mail.com – 0439 930 739



**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**