

Rotary Club of Corowa



83 years of Service

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Program and Roster:

Royal Hotel

Wed 17th Nov

Program

Deb Telstra

Chairman

David T

Treasurer

Lis

Rotary Grace

Howard

Loyal Toast

Ray

International Toast

David P

Rotary Information

Neil

Seargents Help

Gary

International Toast: There are two Rotary clubs in Grand Island, Nebraska, USA a sunrise Rotary Club & A noon Rotary Club of Nebraska. This is the one I am toasting. I have been communicating with a lady called LeAnne. She is the incoming president. I am toasting this Rotary club because when I joined Rotary in 1986 Corowa Rotary hosted an Exchange student (Cindy Bergensen) from Grand Island, Nebraska. It was my first contact with an inbound student. Leslie Francis is still in contact with her. The Club president is Brad Mellema. Grand Island Noon Rotary Club meets at Tommy Gunz Bistro every Tuesday. The club currently has approximately 100 members, In LeAnne's words --- We are located in the state of Nebraska, if you were to put a pin in the middle of the United States, we would be very close to that pin. Grand Island, Nebraska is located in south central Nebraska. Our town is just over 50,000 in population, and is situated in the heart of agriculture. Our farmers are primarily invested in corn, milo and soybeans, and livestock largely includes cattle and pigs. Our largest employer in Grand Island is a meat packing plant, and we also are fortunate to have some industries that provide great jobs including combines, ammunition and also a large general construction company.

Our region is also well known for the migration of Sandhill Cranes and the rarer Whooping Crane that is endangered. On their annual flyway our river valley is where they converge to "fatten up" on grain as they journey toward their resting place for nesting. We have many tourists descend upon our area in March of every year...it's pretty fascinating! I am not sure of the breakdown between men and women.

Locally we have gotten involved with many service projects including jobsite builds for Habitat for Humanity, Roadside cleanup. We organize a blood drive and are now only a few weeks away from ringing a bell for our local Salvation Army branch. It is always an enjoyable time when we are able to get together for a service project! We have done several other projects since I joined in 2018. **I give you the Rotary Club of Grand Island Nebraska, USA**

Rotary Information-



**Gary had
NOTHING to say!**



Guest Speaker – Sally Batten

Hello, as you all are probably aware by now my name is Sally Batten. My maiden name is Rhodes, I grew up in Daysdale with my Mum and Dad and an older brother, we lived in the village but own farmland on Coreen Hill, on the other side of the Coreen creek and also either side of the village. Growing up the farm was run by my Dad Mark and my grandfather Don. Grandma and Grandpa lived around the corner from us in Daysdale.



I was always pretty close with them being able to walk around the corner... to spend time either in the Kitchen with Grandma or watching days of our lives with Grandpa when he was home on his lunch breaks ... although he would never admit that he would be watching that.. He would say he was having a nap in the chair.. but he always had one eye open ha-ha.

My mum Cheryl ran the post office in town until I was about 10 when it was closed down by Australia Post. This meant we would have customers popping in to grab their mail etc. the highlight of my days were when Bill the mail man would come to drop the mail off for the day he would always be up for a chat.

Growing up my Dad was very involved in the community whether it be the Football Club, Tennis Club, Water Committee, Fire Brigade, the School he was always a part of that and he still is a very active member of the community out there... they are actually only one of a few that are left out that way majority of the family's that lived out there when I was growing up are now in town... I can't see Dad leaving in a hurry tho!!!

Growing up in a town like Daysdale back then I have the best memories.. everyone was like family... a lot were related in some way.. but us kids we would be out the door at in the morning and home at dark we would build cubbies in the peppercorn trees.. collecting old furniture and supplies from the tip.. there were a couple of older people that lived out there alone one of my favourites was old Mrs Higgins we would just pop in to visit to say hello or to get sponsorship for the MS readathon or the Jump rope for heart and she would always answer the door with a big smile and warm hug she would give us a glass of cordial and a homemade bicky we would sit down and listen to her stories for ages..

I went through primary school at Daysdale Primary there was only two in my grade only 12 in the whole school when I was in year six.. I finished primary school in 1995.. the school closed down in I think 1997 they only had maybe 4-5 kids in the school then. I remember primary school as a great time. The school concerts, sporting events everything seemed to be on a big community scale. everyone even grandparents would be involved and there would always be the token sausage sizzle after each event!

My younger years at primary school there were a few more kids in the school then.. probably 20 ha-ha. One year for Christmas I think every kid in Daysdale got a new mountain bike we used to meet and ride together to school in single file oldest to youngest. I was always the second last.

I went to high school here is Corowa. Through high school I was a tad lost I guess you could say. I was never able to find my feet .. looking back as much as I loved my childhood in Daysdale and going to a small primary school I guess we were a bit sheltered from all the things that came with high school and bigger schools. I didn't really know how to deal with this and rebellion was pretty much my strategy.

When I was the ripe age of 14 I met my now husband Leigh at a party on New Year's eve he was 16 and had already left school he was doing his apprenticeship as a Bricklayer with Des Stones. When you are that age the age gap seems significant but as you get older its nothing really!! I would say and my parents would definitely agree this was the best thing that could of happened for me.. I was starting to get into the wrong crowds and getting myself into trouble and up to a lot of mischief... from here on in I would just be with Leigh and his friends who made a lot better choices than the ones I was hanging around!!

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.**

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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?

I finished school in 1999 at the end of year 10 I was actually super lucky to have a job before I finished my exams so I had one day off between finishing my year 10 exams and starting work. When I left school to start working because I was only 16 and had no license I moved into Corowa and boarded with a lovely lady Maisie Crisfield. You may remember her by her little dog Sal with the wheels.. poor little Sal was hit by a truck when she was a pup and broke her back so Maisie had a little cart made up for her that she would be able to get around in.. although she could get around ok without it, she would scoot around the house on her bum when she wasn't in her cart.. Maisie was a gem I loved her dearly. We would sit down at night and she would talk for hours about her past and her life a lot of the time I had no idea who she was talking about but that was fine. Maisie was a Rhodes also so another relation 😊

My first employers were David Potts and Paul Schnelle over at Potts and Schnelle. I had done work experience there in year 10 and a job was advertised not long before exams and I applied. I started working there as the junior office admin.. my role was to collect and distribute the mail, filing, data entry etc. I also had to make sure there was always enough supplies in the kitchen for our morning teas.. I actually loved this time we would all meet in the kitchen and have a cuppa and chat for I think it was 15 mins every morning. From here I moved into more of a book keeping role where I would do data entry for tax returns and financials. Balance books etc. and from there into the Financial planning arm of the business. This is probably where my love for numbers began..

I was very lucky to start my working career at P&S I couldn't have asked for better employers than David and Paul and I had some great mentors in a few of the other ladies that worked there who I still call great friends now and we still catch up on a regular basis.. we are still actually in a lotto syndicate that has been going for around 14 years... we haven't won anything big yet... but maybe one day!!

I left Potts and Schnelle after 11 years in 2010 to go and work for my current employer Lisa Steel. She also worked at Potts and Schnelle as a financial adviser who I worked under for a while. Lisa left P&S to start her own business then 2 years later asked me to come and work with her. When I started with Lisa it was in a admin role and she would have had all of 10 clients so she had taken a huge risk in putting an employee on. Lisa and I have always worked well together and she is another great mentor that I have had in my life . she pushes me and makes me get uncomfortable a lot...

Over my time with Potts and Schnelle and Lisa I completed my Diploma and Advanced Diploma in Financial Services. As someone who didn't really like school and never did great at it this was a huge task but I was super proud of myself for completing it and passing it!!

Around 8 years ago Lisa employed another staff member and I then moved into a paraplanning role. For those of you that are unaware what this is I write the financial advice documents that a financial adviser present their advice or strategies to the clients in. doesn't really sound that exciting does it..

I still work for Lisa but I also do contract paraplanning to advisers pretty much all over Australia. I have a manager who lives in Brisbane and he just allocates the work load between the paraplanners. I find this works really well. All I need is a computer and the internet and I can work from anywhere.. I have even got in some hours on the beach while on holidays once..

The contracting role and working for so many different advisers I have learnt a lot and I feel this job has enhanced my skills massively. There are some great and very experienced paraplanners in my team that I am able to tap into their knowledge and we all seem to work really well together.

Leigh and I have been together for 24 years now and have two sons, Rory who will be 18 next month and Nate who is 13. Rory is in the third year of his apprenticeship as a cabinet maker over at Hargraves in Yarrawonga. He completed work experience in year 10 over there and loved it he came back to school and said to Janet Lake who I have to say is worth her weight in gold up there at the High School that he wanted to do a school based apprenticeship. She got this ball rolling and he worked a day a week with them until he finished year 10 then went full time. The first year was a tough gig for us as parents we had to get him to work and back every day but now he has his license he can get himself over there. Nate has just this week started year 8. He is at Corowa High. He started year 7 down at Galen however didn't handle the travel and the size of the school to well and he made the decision to move back to Corowa at the start of term 3 and he is much happier. He is doing really well at school and has moved up into the extension classes for year 8.

Leigh has had a few different jobs over the years. Bricklaying can be tough going being a subby and relying on the weather to be able to work. If you don't work you don't get paid so he left the trowel and went and worked for Dad out on the farm for a bit then when the drought hit there wasn't the work for him so he went back Bricklaying. Then Rory came along and we bought our first home and again needing the money and the stability he went out and worked in the boning room for around 7 years while the kids were young. He then went back out on the farm for around 7 years. A few different factors mainly realizing farming wasn't for him... I think it has to be in your blood to handle farming!! He went back subbing bricklaying over in Yarra so that worked out well with getting Rory to work and back. In June this year he has gone out and started his own bricklaying business.

A few people have asked me why I joined Rotary and I guess it is to keep that community connection going. I have been on several committees for the school, football clubs, cricket clubs but I feel that Rotary is more for the wider community and not just a specific organization. I am looking forward to the coming years and as my commitments ease a little over the years being more involved down here.

Thank you for listening..

CHARADES



Normal meeting but this one to be held at the Corowa Golf Club 24th November
Instead of a guest speaker it will be fellowship and a quick game.
partners welcome to join us

CHRISTMAS PARTY



When- December 12th

Where- Corowa Golf Club

Time- 12.30 pm

Bring your loved ones or possibly your better half to celebrate Christmas with us.

More details in next week's bulletin



St Vincent de Paul Conference President Paul Lemmon, Corowa Rotary President Deb Rowe, St Vincent de Paul member Roz Willet and Corowa IGA owner Craig Waldron.

Giving Tree ensures a good Christmas for all.

With Christmas rapidly approaching, the Corowa Rotary Club members have set up the annual "Giving Tree" at Waldron's IGA Supermarket.

The giving tree provides the people of Corowa and surrounds with the opportunity to donate non- perishable food to others less fortunate than themselves. All donations collected before Christmas by the local Saint Vincent DePaul volunteers and distributed to families in Corowa who are experiencing some difficulties at Christmas time. This year has been particularly hard for many local families as the results of the pandemic. The giving tree was the brainchild of ex r Rotarians Gail and John law in 2005 that approached IGA and Saint Vincent DePaul to assist in helping locals who were doing it tough at Christmas time.



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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>

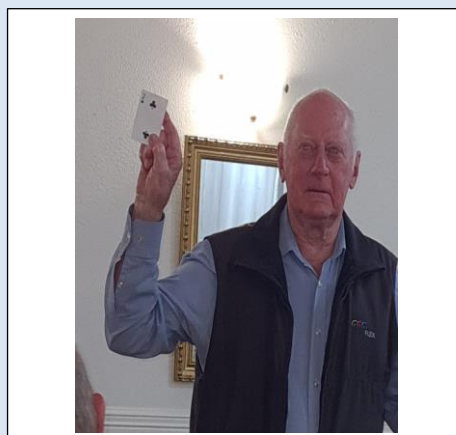
We are also on FACEBOOK!

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

Raffle Presidents Muscat: Deb



Cut the cards: Ian



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:

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Deadline for replies is 11am Wed

Meeting Date	Wed 24 th Nov	Wed 1 st Dec	Wed 8 th Dec
Venue	Corowa Golf Club	Royal Hotel	Royal Hotel
Program	Charades	Prevention month	Annual general Meet?
Chairman	Graeme C	Graham B	Ian B
Treasurer	David T	Graeme C	Graham B
Rotary Grace	Lis N	David T	Graeme C
Loyal Toast	Howard	Lis N	David T
International Toast	Ray	Howard	Lis N
Rotary Information	David P	Ray	Howard
Sergeants Help	Neil	David P	Ray

Deb's bright side of life

I AM NOT AN
EARLY BIRD OR A
NIGHT OWL.
I AM SOME FORM
OF PERMANENTLY
EXHAUSTED PIGEON.



This lady comes from a generation that knows how to enjoy the moment



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

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