

Rotary Club of Corowa



83 years of Service

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Program and Roster:

Royal Hotel

Wed 29th Sept

Program

Gary Reeves RFB

Chairman

Norm

Treasurer

Jeff N

Rotary Grace

Meredith

Loyal Toast

Robyn R

International Toast

Kerrie

Rotary Information

Bill B

Seagents Help

Wally C

International Toast - Rotary Club of Paris Académies

OUR CLUBS The Thinkers Rotary club whose 38 members include artists, architects, physicians, professors, the president of the Sorbonne, and a former inspector general of the libraries of France. (Sorry Bill, I know it was a club in France just couldn't find any info)

Rotary Information Supplied by Graeme Brown

An alternative to Rotary Information is to talk about something new in your business or profession. I've been retired for almost 20 years but earlier this year - when we could - Margaret and I visited Menindee Central School and had two hours with Fiona Kelly the principal. Fiona was a former pupil of mine and credits me with steering her in the direction of teaching as a career. I taught her for two years in my grade 5/6 class while I was deputy principal in 1977-9. The school today compared with the school 40+ years ago makes for an interesting comparative study. # Fiona is mid-fifties and aboriginal whereas the principal and I were early thirties and Caucasian.

We carried 50 phantoms (Darling River drifters) on our register of enrolment. Whenever the principal was away Bathurst would ring me and I would always quote the figures written up for me by the phone. Primary and secondary always added up to 205!

Today the figures are legitimate. The enrolment is 85 and staff number 25!

The school had a discipline problem 40+ years ago and the principal and I used the cane liberally and eased off when behaviour improved. Today use of the cane is illegal. However, Fiona has brilliantly placed a representative of every family (mob) on staff such that a kid would not dare to misbehave and be seen to shame the family!

I had a dog problem. They'd follow the children to school and hang around all day tipping over bins and causing fights. Wilcannia Shire employees with a well known - he was also a rock concert promoter - health surveyor on loan from Albury City came to my classroom door when I was on class. I was asked if I had a trailer and offered a dart gun that had been picked up at Cobar on the way through. All I had to do was When Margaret and I were visiting this year, there was not a loose dog in sight, even down town in the park while having a picnic lunch.

I used to teach singing to my classes from the ABC song books - English songs like the Ash Grove and Aussie songs like The Wild Colonial Boy. Margaret and I were treated to the school choir wearing their pupil designed aboriginal motif T-shirts giving us a rendition of songs in Barkindji. They were off to Sydney the following week to perform in the Opera House.

Back 40+ years ago we had regular altercations with ex-students across the fence line or even on the school grounds continuing disputes from home. Margaret and I met ex-students in the Art Space where the school's resident artist was resourcing them for doing aboriginal artwork to be showcased about town. Success in art, the artist claimed, was transferable to other areas of learning and life.

I would have liked to have witnessed a sports carnival now. 40+ years ago these carnivals were a farce as every age group from second grade up organised dead heats. Culturally at the time it was not good to be seen as a winner or a loser as both set you apart from your mates. The worst indignity was to stand out and be laughed at.

I'm sure from what else we have seen that this culture has been reversed and that it's now okay to be a winner. Perhaps too, the character forming opportunities of coming 2nd, 3rd or even last have been recognised too.

Guest Speaker

Kathryn Chivers



The Rotary eClub 9790 was established in 2013 as a satellite club of Southern Mitchell Rotary Club in District 9790 and was chartered in its own right as the Rotary E-Club 9790 Latrobe in 2016. The charter ceremony was held at the La Trobe University campus at Shepparton, representing our links with youth and a position around the centre of District 9790. The earliest members included Bill Wilson, whose steady purpose and generous hours of quiet work set the club on its feet, and Rodney Horsfall, Paul and Louise Marshall, Heather Redmond, David Palermo, Ashley Franks, and Diane Sivasubramaniam. Some of the initial members were recruited via a strategy of contacting all those who had resigned from Rotary clubs in the district during the preceding four years. Meetings have always been online, beginning with a free Zoom subscription, and 40-minute fortnightly

meetings complemented by a Club Runner website where members could post contributions or reports on projects. The club later moved to using District Club Runner, with Dropbox for sharing of documents and reports, and a paid Zoom subscription to allow for longer meetings and more engagement with guest speakers, and the sharing of each other's projects. The eClub has always aimed for 2 annual face-to-face meetings, enjoying fellowship, food and wine, and in 2016 we were able to schedule one lunch when our Tokyo member was in Australia.

The Club is small but quietly active, with members mostly based in Rotary District 9790. Membership numbers are fluid, as Rotarians move in and out depending on their needs, and membership currently stands at 15. We are proud to have a long-standing member in Tokyo, and generally have had 2-4 members living outside the District at any given time. Our Club President in 2016 – 2017 lived in Queensland and was able to undertake PETS in the district where she lived.

CLUB PROJECTS and FUNDRAISING: A key feature of the club is the diversity of the projects engaging our members. A key feature of the club is the diversity of the projects engaging our members. The club has been active in youth matters, having supported 3 participants in Rotary Youth Leadership Awards with the Rotary Club of Southern Mitchell and shared an Exchange student with the Rotary Club of Milawa – Oxley. A partnership with La Trobe University, with its campuses across Victoria, saw the development of home hosting weekends for international students with Rotary families in rural and regional areas.

Other projects (ongoing) include developing an arboretum in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Southern Mitchell at Kilmore Victoria, and working to raise awareness of recycling, through working with REDCYCLE, the recycling of soft plastics, and Beechworth Plasticwise, whose status as a Rotary community corps was initiated by our club in 2018. The eClub actively supports the Rotary Foundation, buys Shelterboxes and has received District Foundation grants for projects in Cambodia and Sri Lanka.

The Sri Lankan project also created a sister club, the Rotary Club of Badulla, and we work with them to support the Dambana school in Veddah Village.

The Cambodia project saw the club partner with the organization 'Rice for Cambodia' and develop a Builders Trailer to help the monks from Life & Hope Association build houses for the highly under-privileged, and subsequently included filling a container of medical equipment for hospitals in Siem Reap and Phong Pagn.

Fund-raising appropriate to the online environment has seen us exploring various options. The club is currently developing the concept of World BBQ Day, an online fund-raiser that would be available to other Rotary Clubs to sponsor local fund-raising groups and projects.

Bread tags are collected and sent to South Australia, where Brad and his wife Narelle? make items from them, and agreed % is then donated to Aussie Bread tags for wheelchairs.

To date, 40 wheelchairs have been distributed to those in need in Africa

Thanks for having me. Only saw the one kangaroo 3 foxes and 5 cars on the way home 😊

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?



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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: Robyn



Cut the cards: Mr Wilson



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

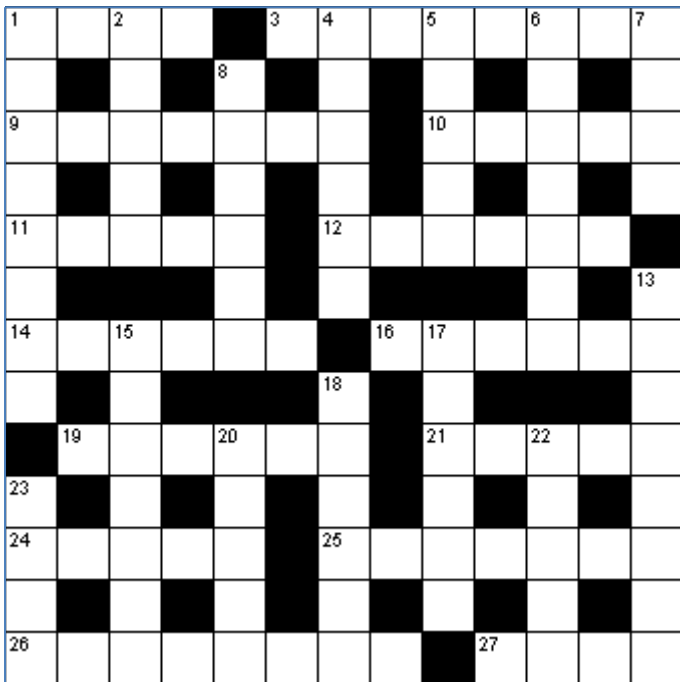
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Deadline for replies is 11am Wed

Meeting Date	Wed 6 th Oct	Wed 13 th Oct	Wed 20 th Oct
Venue	Royal Hotel	Golf Club	Royal Hotel
Program	Barb Challenge	Crazy Hat Day	Polio Day Howard
Chairman	Gary	Paul	David P
Treasurer	Norm	Gary	P
Rotary Grace	Jeff N	Norm	Gary
Loyal Toast	Meredith	Jeff	Norm
International Toast	Robyn	Meredith	Jeff
Rotary Information	Kerrie	Robyn	Meredith
Sergeants Help	Bill	Kerrie	Robyn

Deb's bright side of life

Daily Quick Crossword



Across

- 1 Entreaty (4)
- 3 Immaculate (8)
- 9 Most profound (7)
- 10 Expensive (5)
- 11 Arise (3,2)
- 12 Severe trial (6)
- 14 Housing area (6)
- 16 Assemble (6)
- 19 Sauntered (6)
- 21 Attractiveness (5)
- 24 Verdant (5)
- 25 Easily broken (7)
- 26 Shilly-shallied (8)
- 27 Veracious (4)

Down

- 1 Lineage (8)
- 2 Occurrence (5)
- 4 Engine fuel (6)
- 5 Lukewarm (5)
- 6 Tombstone inscription (7)
- 7 River of Hades (4)
- 8 Autocrat (6)
- 13 First showing of a film (8)
- 15 Storm (7)
- 17 Polar region (6)
- 18 Fit for eating (6)
- 20 Jousting weapon (5)
- 22 Change (5)
- 23 Old (4)

FIRST DAY OF RETIREMENT

My mother was browsing in a store when a saleswoman offered assistance. Mom admitted she didn't have anything particular in mind, and the pair started chatting. The woman quickly learned that Mom was retired. Interested, she confessed that she, too, was considering retirement. Mom immediately started telling her how much she liked no longer working and how the saleswoman would enjoy it too. Finally, convinced by Mom's enthusiasm, she asked, "How long have you been retired?" Mom said, "This is my first day." —Lee Beach am

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

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