



IMAGINE ROTARY

PRESIDENT Stephen Apps:



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Program and Roster:

ROYAL HOTEL

Wednesday 20th July

Introduction Helen Duncan

**Chairman
Allan W**

**Treasurer
Barrie H**

**Rotary Grace
Sandie H**

**Loyal Toast
Robyn R**

**International Toast
Rosemary F**

**Rotary Information
Ian K**

**Sergeant's Help
Stacey P**

This week's meeting was the second for our new President Stephen Apps.



1. President Stephen thanked everyone for coming and,
2. Thanks everyone for a smooth start to the year. "We will hopefully continue to serve our community in the awesome way we have for many years".
3. DG's visit: District Governor David McPherson is scheduled to visit our club on the 27th July. Our meeting venue is TBA, 6.00pm for Board Members and 6.30pm for Members, friends and guests. Dress code is semi-formal.
4. Cooper leaves on the 5th August.
5. Andrej arrives on the 6th August
6. Board Meeting at Gary's Tuesday 19th @6pm
7. Guest speaker Bill Pentney – who am I

Born in Mildura to parents who were both teachers.

Eldest of 4, 2 brothers and a sister. Spent most of my early years living at 15th street Irymple.

Moved to Melbourne in 1969.

Started uni in 74 but after 4 years of very disciplined boys school, I let loose.

2 years later we both agreed I should leave and try something new.

I joined up with a mate and we went into the bluestone business.

1000 stone a day hand loaded into an old Atkinson tandem tipper with a Detroit 2 stroke diesel.

A couple of years later my body decided it had had enough and I packed up and went travelling through England and Europe for a couple of years.

I returned home broke and decided I needed to go back to uni where I spent the next 6 years.

I met Dee, a few months before graduating – I knew she wasn't after me for my money because I didn't have any, and we have been together ever since.

We married in 87, built a house in Rowville and had a daughter Nicole.

My first job out of uni was as a training officer for the SEC in the Latrobe valley.

Then onto PACCAR (Kenworth Trucks) as Training and Development Manager.

But Paccar wouldn't provide a company car so I went to Carton and United Breweries as training and development manager, looking after half of Australia. But the culture was terrible and after 12 months I made it known I was looking for a change and Paccar enticed me back with a package that included a car!

I was with Paccar for nine years, ending up retail operations manager. But I was looking for a change, and went to McKay Australia as sales and marketing manager of their.....

commercial wheel division which had just been purchased by a Malaysian multi national – HICOM (Heavy Industry Corporation of Malaysia). It was an amazing period with Asia going gang busters and the transfer of manufacturing technology to Malaysia. But the Malaysians didn't appreciate good industrial practice with its workforce and after 2 years of very questionable decisions I resigned. I started with Repco as sales and marketing manager of their wholesale division. Repco at this point in time was part of Pacific Dunlop and boy were the next 7 years going to be a ride with company ownership changes and buyouts.



KATE KELLY'S RESTAURANT, Olinda Vic.

Around 2002 we made a decision that well and truly changed our lives. We purchased a 100+ year old log cabin Irish tavern and restaurant at Olinda in the Dandenong Ranges. For the next 7 years we lived in a house behind the restaurant and Dee managed it. We knew nothing about running a restaurant and it was one hell of a learning curve. Now that really was one hell of a ride. In the mean time, I was the GM of a marketing agency whose clients included a number of car companies and we began specialising in the digital arena. We sold the restaurant and I started my own it marketing agency in 2010 with just a handful of clients and an idea for a unique i.t. communication platform. We created the Meridan platform and leased that platform to:

- Renault Australia, Asia Pacific, Africa, India and the Middle East
- Mitsubishi Australia
- Nissan Australia, NZ and Asia Pacific

We sold the company in 2021 and retired.

Interests:

- Family
- Travel including caravanning
- Wine – collecting and drinking

Bill then apologized for speaking for soooo long.



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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 for
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?

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



Annual Sub payments can be made in instalments over the year if this is more convenient.
e.g. \$120 in July and \$120 in January or 4 x \$55 (a payment every 3 months).

Rotary Club of Corowa:

Website:

<http://corowarotary.jimdo.com>

We are also on FACEBOOK!

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

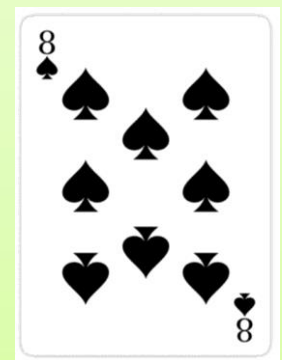


Raffle:

Presidents Muscat: Ian



Cut the Cards: Ray



Meeting Date	WED July 27th	WED August 3rd	WED August 10th
Venue	TBA	Royal Hotel	Royal Hotel
Program	District Governor's Visit	TBA	TBA
Chairman	Stephen A	Sally B	Ian B
Treasurer	Alan W	Bill B	Sally B
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Sergeants Help	Ian K	Rosemary F	Robyn R

Please remember to notify **Deb Rowe** 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 Deb of the number of people attending and if they need a screen of projector.

Deb can be contacted by:

Phone or text: 0413 122 884 or email: seeshell84@hotmail.com

**YOU WILL BE INVOICED FOR A MEAL
IF YOU FAIL TO NOTIFY IF NOT ATTEANDING.**



**The Rotary Club of Corowa meets every WEDNESDAY
at The Royal Hotel: 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start**

President 2022-2023: Rotarian Stephen Apps

Secretary: Rotarian Margaret Brown

Treasurer: Rotarian Paul Miegel

Vice President: Rotarian Deborah Rowe

President Elect 2023-24: Rotarian Bill Bott

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Bulletin Editor: Rotarian Bill Pentney



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