



# IMAGINE ROTARY

## District Governor David McPherson Visit



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### Program and Roster:

**President Stephen  
Club Health Check**

**Venue:  
Royal Hotel**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug**

**Chairman  
Sally B**

**Treasurer  
Bill B**

**Rotary Grace  
Alan W**

**Loyal Toast  
Barrie H**

**International Toast  
Sandie H**

**Rotary Information  
Robyn R**

**Sergeant's Help  
Rosemary F**

District Governor David McPherson was introduced to the meeting by President Stephen Apps and warmly welcomed by all members.

David began by identifying his intention to visit 65 clubs within his region between July and November.

Outlined the 2022 – 2023 theme “You don’t imagine yesterday. You imagine tomorrow.”

David explained the theme logo:

- Designed by indigenous artist Riki Salam.
- Circle signifies our connections to one another.
- The 7 dots represent people and the Rotary Foundation’s 7 areas of focus.
- Together = a navigation star – our guiding light.
- The solid line underneath is a digging stick. A tool for getting things done. Rotarians are people of action.

**Rotary International President Jennifer E Jones interpretation of the colours:**

- Purple stands for polio eradication. Joining with the World Health Organization (WHO) to fight polio with vaccinations. Pointed out that in 1985 there were 1000 polio cases a day. Now there are approximately 8 cases per year.
- Green for the environment (7<sup>th</sup> area of focus).
- White for peace. Rotary’s core mission.

**Jennifer E Jones on RI goals:**

- Serve our members to serve our communities.
- Empowering girls and women in Rotary. RI Board target of 30% women in Rotary by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
- Raise Rotary’s profile in our region.
- Develop new clubs including new club models.



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### **Comfort and Care of Rotary Family**

- Create the most welcoming experience for every Rotary member
- Align the activities in your club to the passions of your members – engage their hands and hearts.
- Give members the opportunity to discover an “aha moment” where they feel fully engaged in Rotary.

### **Rotary International on Diversity**

- Mirror the diversity in your community within your club
- RI has defined diversity as “welcoming and including people of all backgrounds, experiences and identities regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, colour abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity.”
- Does your Club truly represent your community of focus for membership?

### **Diverse Membership Benefits**

- Community diversity reflected in your club brings to the club a greater range of thoughts, ideas and beliefs.
- From those thoughts, ideas and beliefs you can have a greater range of projects and programs
- Because you have a greater range of projects and programs, you can provide a community service to a wider range of people within your community.
- Three of the four priorities of the RI action plan have been achieved:
  - Increase your impact
  - Expand your reach
  - Enhance participant engagement

### **My “I” (inclusion) Story**

- My mother was not going to send me to a special school. Instead she had the local primary school install ramps to include me with the local school population.
- Secondary school was the same process, so I and other disabled students could be included with other local students, ramps were installed.
- Joining Rotary was an inclusive process where I was welcomed into the club and organization as an equal member.

### **So the Message is.....**

- Care for your fellow members.
- Include all members in the decision making within the club.
- Ensure equality where every member has the opportunity to achieve their passion for being a Rotarian.
- Include people from diverse groups so that they can integrate into your club, into your community and into your hearts.

### **Innovative and Flexible Clubs**

- Can be relevant - reflecting community diversity, needs and expectations.
- Can be innovative and transformative – responsive to change within the community.
- Can be contemporary, modern, flexible, appealing but most important caring.
- Look at all possibilities for a new club structure at <https://my.rotary.org/en/club-flexibility>
- Our choice – “Rotary in Action” or “Rotary Inaction”.

### **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?

## There are four kinds of clubs:

- **Satellite** – members run the club in collaboration with a sponsor club but choose their own club structure.
- **Passport** – members attend meetings of any club, in their community or around the world.
- **Corporate** – members (or most of them) work for the same employer.
- **Cause-Based** – members unite to address a particular cause.

**ROTARY.ORG/START-CLUB**

## So the Message is.....

- Celebrate the **past**, but
- Look to the **future**
- Try **new** things
- Start a **new club** to attract a **different** demographic
- Give **everyone** the opportunity to achieve their **passion**



## Up Coming Conferences

- District 9790 Conference – Deniliquin 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- Rotary International Convention – Melbourne 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May 2023

## DG Partners Project

- Chosen by David's children – WHEELCHAIRS FOR KIDS

# Lily & Liam DG Partners Project

This 'DG Partners Project' chosen by DG David's children  
Lily & Liam McPherson

INFORMATION SHEET WHEELCHAIRS FOR KIDS LTD

This remarkable volunteer organisation, comprised of local retiree volunteers, and an initiative of the **Rotary Club of Scarborough Inc WA**, produces and distributes over 300 wheelchairs per month to disabled children in the developing world. Wheelchairs for Kids has been in operation since 1998 and over that period has provided over **52,000** wheelchairs assembled by over **280** volunteers who attend the Perth workshop; rostered on a weekly basis.

Every \$250 donated covers the material cost of one wheelchair.

Lily & Liam have chosen Wheelchairs For Kids as their Project during my year as District Governor for D9790.

Individual tax deductible and club donations can be made at:  
<https://donations.rawcs.com.au/4-2022-23>

Regards,  
David McPherson  
District 9790 District Governor 2022-2023

**District Governor David McPherson presents Cooper with his Blazer**



**Cooper with Mum Lauren F wearing their blazers and a blast from the past with Lauren from 1996**



**President Stephen presenting DG David McPherson with his President's Muscat**



**Rotary Club of Corowa:**

**Website:**

<http://corowarotary.jimdo.com>

We are also on FACEBOOK!

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



**Raffle:**

**Presidents Muscat: President Stephen**



**Cut the Cards: Cooper**



Meeting Date	WED August 10th	WED August 17th	WED August 24
Venue	Royal Hotel	Royal Hotel	Royal Hotel
Program	David Sloane/Sally Hughes – Silversnake Station Rainfall Figures	Stephen/Margaret – My Rotary.org	TBA
Chairman	Ian B	Graham B	Graeme C
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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](mailto:seeshell84@hotmail.com)

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



**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

**P.O. Box 153 Corowa, NSW, 2646.**

Bulletin Editor: Rotarian Bill Pentney



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**INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THIS DAY – JULY 27**

- 1886 - the Atlantic telegraph cable was laid between Ireland and Canada
- 1921 – Insulin was first isolated by Dr Frederick Banting
- 1940 – Billboard magazine started ranking sales of recorded songs
- 1953 – The Korean War ended