



# IMAGINE ROTARY

## Dr Joanne Bellette – CHS Principal



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### Program and Roster:

**Social Night**

**Venue:  
Golf Club**

**Wednesday 28th  
September**

**Chairperson  
Rosemary F**

**Treasurer  
Helen D**

**Rotary Grace  
Neil D**

**Loyal Toast  
Kerrie C**

**International Toast  
Graeme C**

**Rotary Information  
Graham B**

**Sergeant's Help  
Ian B**

This week's speaker was Dr Joanne Bellette the principal of Corowa High School. Dr Bellette spoke about the critical state of finding staff to teach students in the NSW Education system. The NSW Department of Education has been trying to put into places different strategies in order to attract new teachers to the department. They are also looking at retaining teachers and other staff during this crisis. The current state of education in Australia, is seeing teachers resign or quit due to overwork and other work pressures. The Department of Education is trying to stop this by using new recruitment methods, such as, money incentives, paying for degrees and fast-tracking new graduates.

Over the past 2 years with the outbreak of COVID, the rigours of online learning and the tripling of paperwork being put on teachers, many staff have left, or new graduates are not even going into the profession. New initiatives are needed. More money, reduced face to face teaching and more training could be a solution.



Dr Bellette spoke about being unable to staff classes and having to have combined classes, which makes learning hard or near impossible. There are major shortages of Maths, Science, English and other teachers. She did say Visual Arts and TAS teachers were plentiful. (But if this were the case, there would not be a shortage of casual staff or teachers!)

The Education Department of NSW, and in Australia in general, are in desperate need of teachers and casual staff. Even older teachers are retiring and not returning to the classroom. Dr Bellette also mentioned hiring or getting teachers from overseas, but even then, it is difficult as teachers are in demand all over the world.

It was a very interesting talk by the CHS Principal who told the club there will be more announcements in the next few weeks and she hoped that with COVID settling down and things going back to normal teaching may return to normal as well.



## NOTICES:

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**International Toast** – To Garth Arnold, Chair, Rotary International British Isles and his Board.'

Under the leadership of the Chair, the Board members are collectively responsible for setting the overall direction and strategy of the Board, defining clear goals and ensuring that the Association is accountable to members. This toast is given in the context of last week's discussion and voting on the regionalisation of Rotary International.

On a personal note, I met the Chair in 2007 while touring cycling Lands' End to Carlyle and staying at Clitheroe, Lancashire. The occasion was the 50th Charter Dinner for the Rotary Club of Clitheroe - an all tuxedo gathering - and I was able to exchange banners with the Chair. This banner is now a part of our archival collection. - Graham Brown

### **Rotary Information –**

The Guatemala Literacy Project has worked for 25 years to improve reading rates. In 1997, Joe and Jeff Berninger, brothers from Ohio, were volunteering as English teachers at a Guatemalan school that had no books. The two launched a project to solve that. The day the books arrived, there was a huge celebration, and a Rotarian dentist volunteering nearby heard the noise and asked what was going on. "He said this would be a perfect project for Rotary," says Joe Berninger, now a member of the Rotary Club of Pathways, Ohio, which coordinates the project. Rotarians in Guatemala helped develop reading programs in other schools and since 1997, The Rotary Foundation has helped fund the literacy program with 48 grants totalling \$6.5 million. Nearly 800 clubs in 90 districts have participated, making it one of the largest grassroots, multiclub, multidistrict projects in Rotary.

**Anniversaries or birthdays this week:** Margaret Brown joined the Corowa Rotary Club in 2004.

## Andrej Spoke about his week:

Andrej, talked briefly about his trip to Sydney, with the climb of the Sydney Harbour Bridge being the highlight. He felt that it was an easy to do thing to do, (completely opposite to Deb's version the week before). His favourite Australian animals at the zoo were the kangaroos, which were very friendly and watching the joeys climb in and out of their mother's pouches.



## September 21<sup>st</sup> is the United Nations International Day of Peace.

The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.



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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  
have 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 is 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?

# Rotary Club of Corowa:

## Website:

<http://corowarotary.jimdo.com>

We are also on FACEBOOK!

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



## Raffle:

Presidents Muscat: - KERRIE C



Cut the Cards: - DAVID P - Ace Hearts.



Meeting Date	WED Oct 5th	WED OCT 12th	WED OCT 19 <sup>TH</sup>
Venue	Royal Hotel	Royal Hotel	Royal Hotel
Program	New Member Induction	Lift The Lid (Hat Night)	TBA
Chairperson	Barrie H	Sandie H	Ian K
Treasurer	Rosemary F	Barrie H	Sandie H
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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.**

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Please remember to notify **Deb Rowe** if you **CANNOT** attend our weekly meetings or if you wish to bring any guests.

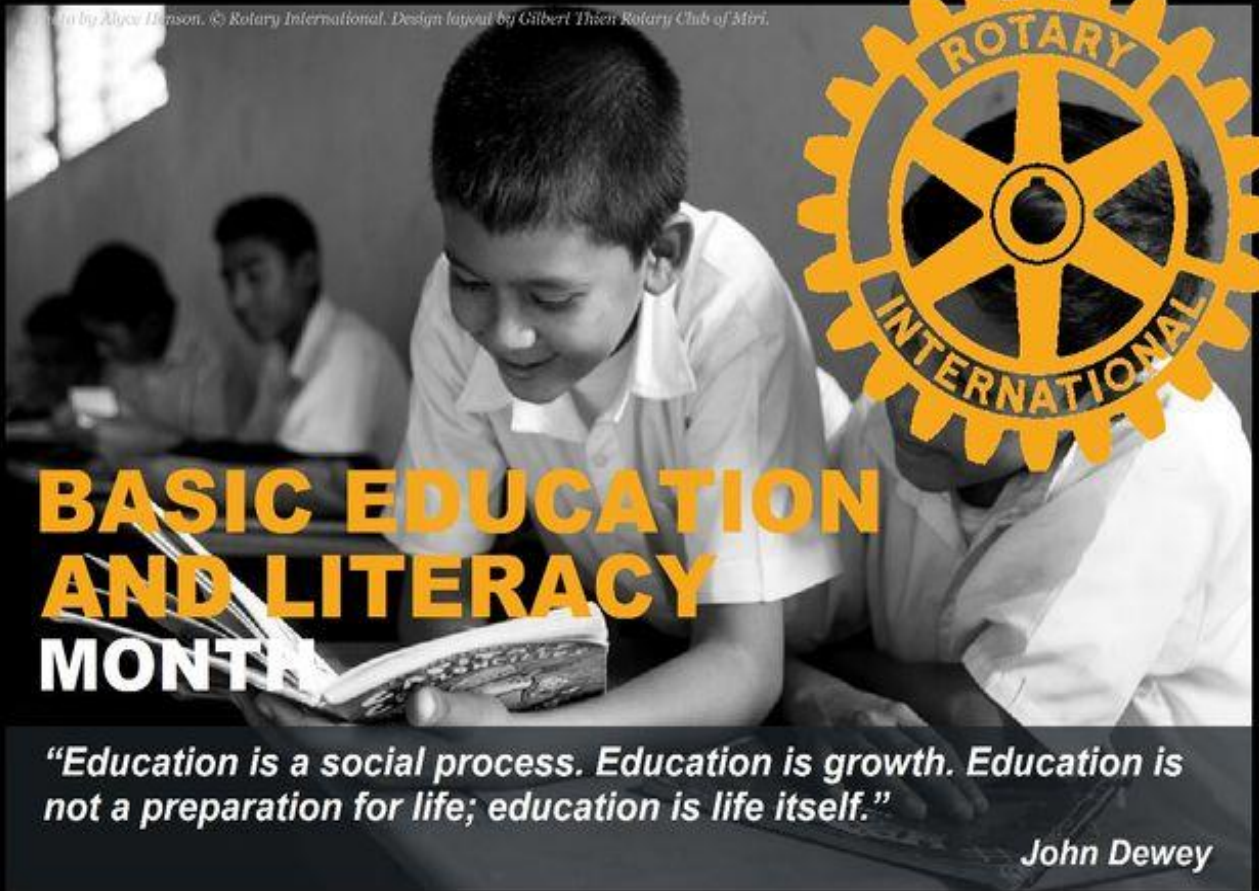
If you are arranging a guest speaker, please advise Deb of the number of people attending and if they need a screen of projector.

**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.**

SEPTEMBER IS



**BASIC EDUCATION  
AND LITERACY  
MONTH**

*"Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself."*

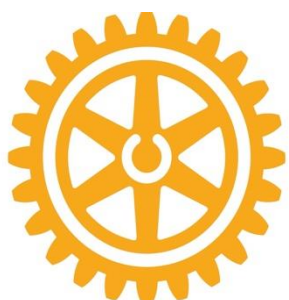
John Dewey



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