

ROTARY CLUB OF COROWA

BULLETIN

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Due to International Convention and then a Scatter Meeting, this Bulletin (Deb's effort) is covering the last couple of weeks, so lots of reading and photos, that hopefully you will all enjoy. It was only decided this week that I would put this together, so I apologise in advance if I miss anything. My note taking can be erratic at the best of times so no notes and relying on my memory is always going to be a bit tricky to get it all covered.

Wednesday 31st May— Guest Speaker—Andrej Smizansky.



Despite my asking more than once, Andrej has departed for home (Slovakia) without sending me his presentation.

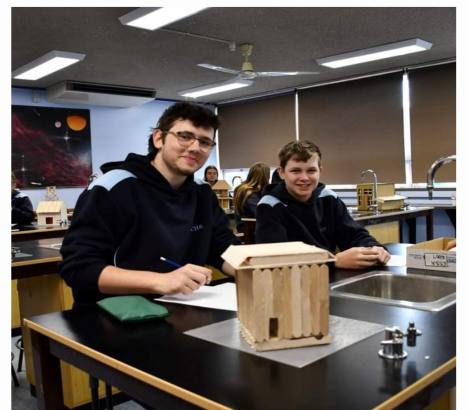
Andrej arrived in Australia in August 2022 and started his Youth Exchange with Guy & Deb Rowe. We did a trip to Sydney, settled into life in Corowa and adjusted to the Aussie version of the English language. Andrej attended Corowa High School, made friends and spent a lot of time either asleep or at the gym.

After 4 months the Connell clan, Brad, Lauren, Cooper, Ryder and Harper welcomed Andrej into their Wahgunyah home and Andrej was back to being in a busy family with lots going on. Rosemary hosted a very large family Christmas out at the farm, giving Andrej a totally different holiday experience. He was lucky enough to get to the beach with the Connell's and discovered the joy of sunburn. At school he was able to do work experience at Corowa Truck & Trailer which has enforced his interest in becoming a mechanic. All of the Youth Exchange students had a wonderful trip to Kangaroo Island, giving Andrej an amazing trip with his fellow exchange students.

The Price family, Darryl, Stacey, Emily & Aleshia were the final family to welcome Andrej to their home. He now discovered rugby and was lucky enough to go to a match. Tin rattling for the RCH appeal with the Corowa Fire Brigade added to his community involvement. Baking Anzac biscuits has been added to the cooking repertoire. Andrej attended Rotary International Conference in Melbourne with the other exchange students, a last chance for them all to get together before they head home. He finally was able to see an AFL match at the MCG and see some of the sights of Melbourne.

We had a chance to say our final goodbye to Andrej at our meeting on June 7th. He was safely taken to Tullamarine Airport and had his last farewell with the Price family on Saturday 10th June.

Andrej has been a great ambassador for Slovakia and a lovely easy going young man who has been a joy to have as our Rotary Exchange Student for 2022/23. He will be missed.





Thursday 18th May, 2023

O'Connors held a Careers Information Day for School Students. Corowa High School had students attending and Gary, Wal, Howard and Neil came along and cooked a BBQ lunch for all of the O'Connors staff and the visiting students.

Great job, well done!

MEETING NOTES

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

On the 24th May we didn't have a toast (I apologise if that is incorrect)

On June 7th we toasted the Rotary Club of Singapore as the host for the 2024 International Convention

LOWESDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Catering for the Variety Bash on Wednesday 24th. May

Very successful day, thank you to all of the Corowa Rotarians that came along and fed the hoards. (Sorry no photo's)

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

A reminder that all Corowa Rotarians must complete and have a current Working With Children Check, this is imperative for the Youth Exchange Program and many of our projects in the community involve children. Moving forward we will need all new members to have completed the check prior to their consideration for membership.

SUNDAY MARKET

On Sunday 4th June we held our market and it was a lovely sunny day, due to people away and illness we had very few helpers, luckily it wasn't too busy.

COROWA RACES

Races were scheduled for Thursday 8th June, however was cancelled due to the heavy rainfall.

COROWA LIONS CLUB—WORKING BEE

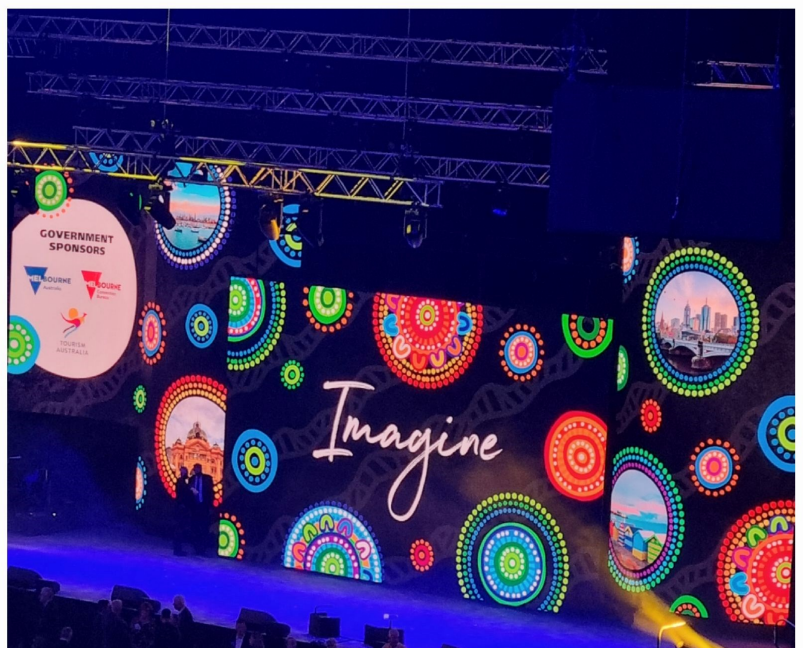
We have been asked to assist the Corowa Lions Club with a working bee at the Pioneer Cemetery on Sunday 25th June. Apex has also been asked to assist. Please consider giving a couple of hours of your time to come along and help.

Gary will ask for numbers next Wednesday at our meeting.

The possibility was discussed to revisit the annual Service Club Combined Dinner, Rotary, Lions & Apex. This was very popular many years ago and it would be positive for all if our Clubs could all work together for our Community.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION—MELBOURNE 2023

14 members of Corowa Rotary headed to Melbourne for the Convention. We all had a great time and it was amazing being part of an event with 14,000 Rotarians from all corners of the world. There were many highlights and the House of Friendship showcased the amazing amount of projects and fellowships (e.g., Golf, Music, Whiskey, Cycling etc.). I have included some photos and info of a couple of the guest speakers. Singapore is hosting next year, many of our members have already committed to attending. Have a chat to Gary Poidevin if you are interested.





Leymah Gbowee

She's a **2011 Nobel Peace Laureate** and champion of women's rights. Gbowee led a nonviolent movement that helped end a 14-year-long civil war in Liberia. She has lived in a refugee camp, worked as a counselor for child soldiers and currently sits on the United Nations Secretary-General's High Level Advisory Board on Mediation. She's the founder and current president of the Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa and serves as the executive director of the Gender, Law and Transformative Peace Initiative of the City of New York (CUNY) School of Law, USA. She was a founding member and Liberia coordinator of the Women in Peacebuilding Network, a program of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.



Nakeeyat Dramani Sam

She's a 10-year-old climate change activist and poet. She's the youth ambassador for the **Climate Vulnerable Forum** and spoke for Ghana at COP27 in Egypt. "Have a heart and do the math," she told delegates there. "It's an emergency." Sam won the "Ghana Talented Kid" competition at the age of 7 and has been honored as a Young Peace Ambassador in her country. She's the author of the book "Nakeeyat Trees for Life" and is currently working on her next project, "One Tree, One Child."





Paul & Meredith have been hosting Swedish Rotarians for a few days since Convention who happened to book into Corowa on their travels. They presented our Club with 2 banners.

At Convention Gary was presented with a banner from Hiroshima Japan and Howard was presented a banner from Texas USA.



SCATTER MEETINGS

We have had 2 opportunities to attend other Clubs this year and some of our members took the opportunity to experience the different way Rotary Clubs are run.

Clubs visited were West Wodonga, Rutherglen & Cobram

Paul, Meredith, Wal, Howard, Ray, Graham & Margaret (Again I apologise if I have that wrong) reported to our meeting on Wednesday of their experiences.

LIONS CLUB CHANGEOVER MEETING

Gary & Chris Poidevin will be attending on behalf of Corowa Rotary.

If you didn't receive the email and would like to attend, please contact Margaret.

ROTARY CLUB OF COROWA

CHANGEOVER DINNER

WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE 2023

COROWA GOLF CLUB - 6.30 FOR 7.00PM

\$45 PER HEAD

Numbers to Deb by Sunday 18th June—0413 122 884

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Wednesday 24th May—Presidents Muscat—Dave Milthorpe/Cards ?



June 7th—President's
Muscat x 2—David &
Alan.

Cut the Card—Wal .



MEETING—WEDNESDAY 14th JUNE — ROYAL HOTEL 6.30 FOR 7.00 PM START

MARGARET BROWN

CHAIRMAN—LIS

TREASURER—DAVE M

ROTARY GRACE—MEREDITH

LOYAL TOAST—IAN K (away)

INTERNATIONAL TOAST—BARRIE

ROTARY INFORMATION—ROSEMARY (away)

SERGEANTS HELP—HELEN

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FELLOWSHIP

CHAIRMAN—NORM

TREASURER—LIS

ROTARY GRACE— DAVID M

LOYAL TOAST—MEREDITH

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

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