

# ROTARY CLUB OF COROWA BULLETIN Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>Sept 2023 ISSUE 85 – EDITION 12

### President Bill Bott AM, District Governor Neta Kirby, International President Gordon McInally

Rotary Information- supplied by Neil Davis Polio



By Roberto Manuel Silva Pérez, public image project leader for District 4340 (Chile)

The gigantic, brooding monoliths of Easter Island have been impressing visitors to the remote island, 2,000 miles off the coast of Chile, for years. We wanted to illuminate some of these statues with an End Polio Now message, but it proved to be no easy task.

The stone statues are known as moai, the living faces (aringa ora) of deified ancestors of the Rapa Nui who inhabited the island. The Dutch navigator Jacob Roggeveen came upon the statues on Easter Sunday in 1722. The island has several ceremonial platforms, called ahu, upon which statues are displayed, and each is associated with a family of nobility.

The construction of the moai was quite an event. They average 10 to 16 feet in height, and weigh about five tons, although some are as heavy as 10 tons. Archaeologists have registered more than 1,000 statues around the island. Our goal was to light two of the 15 moai on Tongariki, the biggest ahu on the island located about 40 minutes from the town of Hanga Roa. The two figures we wanted to light are both unique, the second from the right is the only one with a hat, and the fifth from the right is the largest of the set.

But doing so is complicated. Besides the lack of electricity, the ahu are protected sacred sites. For our event, we needed authorization from the governor of Easter Island, the mayor of Hanga Roa, the National Corporation of Indigenous Development, and the senior council for the Rapa Nui.

On 6 May, permission and equipment secured, about 45 members of Rotary and 70 Rotary Youth Exchange Students from Chile, all wearing red End Polio Now T-shirts, travelled to the island and gathered in front of the Tongariki with local residents for our effort to raise awareness for polio eradication and publicize just how close we are to ending this disease.

Once everything was ready, we went to the ahu and sat down for the official picture. We finally made it!



The crew of 45 Rotary members and 70 Youth Exchange students pose for the official picture.

To Neil, Wendy & family Deepest Condolences On the loss of your granddaughter Zoe You are in our thoughts & prayers Going to the Henty Field Day, we met a lot of good people there











#### Roster of duties

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept Program- fellowship Chairman – Dave M Treasurer- Graeme C Rotary Grace – Ian Kerr Loyal Toast- Ian Brooks International Toast – Margaret Rotary Information – Graham B Sergeant's help- Neil

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Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct Program- Annette Schulz Chairman – Kerrie Treasurer- Dave M Rotary Grace – Graeme C Loyal Toast- Ian Kerr International Toast – Brook'sy Rotary Information – Margaret Sergeant's help- Graham B

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Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct Program- DG Visit Chairman –Bill Treasurer- Kerrie & Deb Rotary Grace – Ron Loyal Toast- Frank International Toast – Gary P Sergeant- Paul Miegel

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Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct Program- Assembly Chairman – Bill Treasurer- Kerrie Rotary Grace – Dave M Loyal Toast- Graeme C International Toast – Ian Kerr Rotary Information – Brooksy Sergeant's help- Margaret

#### Reports from around the room -

Reminder that we need to have final numbers for the combined club meeting with DG Netta by Wed 27<sup>th</sup>. Please note partners welcome, dinner is a two course meal \$45 head to be held @ Royal Hotel Corowa.

Corowa Business Chamber is working with the company who got the grant for Christmas Festival

## "Light Up Corowa"

Will be a three day extravaganza

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec Sanger Street will be ablaze with lights with both bridges having Santa and hay bales, Steve Bowen performing at Bangerang Park, markets and light show also.

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec more activities at Bangerang

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec markets and a closing ceremony

Rosie will keep us all posted on what's happening over the festival (possible that we may do bbq at least 2 of the days)

IGA Christmas giving tree is going ahead once again at it starts on 14th November

Also we might be hosting a bbq for the Solomon Island workers who are working at the piggery in early Nov, Stacey to advise us more about this.

## **CEDA Nepal**

A special acknowledgment of the pre - program work Aleisha Price did providing \$500 (via her local Rotary Club Corowa) to go towards the upcoming Dentist Camp at Sero.

Thank you Aleisha for letting us be involved in your adventure.





Coffee club is in Istanbul





### <u>Birthdays</u>

Jeanette Sheetz 1st September

Sandie Hunter 17th September

<u>Anniversaries</u>

Margaret Brown inducted 19<sup>th</sup> September 2004

Paul Harrís Fellowship

2<sup>nd</sup> PHF Margaret Brown September 2014

Mr Wilson



Rosie

TerryWhite Chemmart

### **Subs Due**

Rotary Club of Corowa bsb: 082-559 account: 692592173 \$240 per member



"I know membership retention is important but I don't think adding "until death do us part" to the end of the new member inductions will help keep members in Rotary".

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