



ROTARY CLUB OF COROWA BULLETIN

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

International Toast – supplied by Ian Brooks

The Rotary Club of Dingwall

The Club was founded in 1954; members meet Tues evenings in Tulloch Castle Dingwall. The club do street fares, walk & trail runs and are heavily involved in a youth programme that teaches them interview experience sessions, competitions, and training courses for children and young people across a wide age band.

Rotary Information – supplied by Margaret Brown Fish 'n' Chips Baby Vests

I first became interested in the Fish 'n' Chips Baby vests when I noticed my sister-in-law was knitting some of these little garments, and I found out a bit more of the story. They are simple jumpers for new born babies from poor third world villages. Many of the babies were sent home from hospital (if they even went there) wrapped in newspaper to keep them warm – just like a fish and chips pack.

On investigation I found that the **Rotary e-Club NextGen** had made the collection and distribution of these jumpers one of their major projects.

The Rotary e-Club of NextGen is an example of the evolution of Rotary into the current technologically driven world. The online nature of the Club's operations provides a unique opportunity for members to engage in projects at a local, regional and global level. It has members throughout the states of Australia as well as alumni overseas. Their objective is to support the ideals of Rotary; support members' local communities through service; support the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Queensland section with fundraising and rural community support and enjoy their times together.

NextGen Projects

Knitting

NextGen's knitting project started with baby jumpers that were destined for Vanuatu and since then, it has taken off! Knitting is obviously a much-loved hobby and they now have people all over Australia (and some as far as London) sending them their creations. They have expanded their donations of knitting to many different countries and items include:

- Beanies and scarves for the Port Hedland Seafarers
- Warm clothes for Aboriginal communities in outback Australia
- Toys, baby blankets, and baby/child clothes for maternity wards in various countries
- 'Knitted Knockers' for breast cancer survivors
- Trauma teddies for emergency services workers on the Gold Coast
- Joey pouches for orphaned wildlife
- Easter chicks for fundraising



Tagalong Tours

One of the Club's major projects is their Tagalong tours. This was an idea that started small and has now grown into a community of people who love exploring our gorgeous country, whilst learning more about different projects and initiatives along the way.

It's difficult to list the amazing positive outcomes of these tours because every tour is a different experience, but here are a few as of January 2021:

- Funding a partner research PhD scholarship for three years
- Over \$30,000 has been donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service
- Over \$22,000 has been donated to Australia Rotary Health
- Planting 21 trees at Tennant Creek
- Installing a TV at the RFDS terminal in Broome

Youth

NextGen supports young people in many areas – similar to those which other Rotary Clubs across Australia support - in the development of skills in the areas of communication, leadership, road safety / driver awareness, resilience and self-esteem and in furthering their career aspirations in the areas of mathematics and science. This includes programs like:

- Rotary Youth Transition Seminar
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) – a week long camp for people aged 19 – 29.
- Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) – a weekend residential for youth aged 14-16 years
- Rotary Youth Exchange
- Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)
- National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) – Year 12 program to promote study and career options in science, technology, engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
- Rotaract
- Interact
- EarlyAct – programs for ages 5 to 13
- Science Experience
- Days for Girls – including provision of Days for Girls Kits

Knitting:

Getting back to the knitting, I had asked members of the Corowa Quilters and the Rutherglen Crafters if they would care to assist in providing jumpers. The ladies have been only too happy to participate in this project. So far this year they have provided me with 113 sets of jumpers and hats, 7 jumpers, 3 hats and 7 crochet rugs to send to the **NextGen Club**. Heather Yarker – the organiser of this project – tells me that the garments will wait until there is a container full before sending. The next container is scheduled to go to villages in Cameroon, Africa.

Completed garments can be sent to:

The Rotary e-Club of NextGen, PO Box 1761, Oxenford QLD 4210.

For further information,

Visit the website: www.rotaryclubnextgen.org or

Contact Heather Yarker on 0418 786 122 or yarkerhi@gmail.com

Reports from around the room-

- Busy market on Sunday that saw a lot of later trade
- Palliative Care bed meeting at the Lion's Den on 16th Nov @10am to discuss bed and storage of beds.
- Community Expo on Thur 19th Oct we will have the BBQ plus also a stall to promote Rotary
- Civic Bowling Club have asked if we can lend them a marquee for the Expo all attended meeting agreed
- Federation Dinner weekend is all going to plan, menu set Robyn reports that it is all running smoothly
- Next Wed is DG visit to our club and it is a shared meeting with Rutherglen & Yarrawonga



BOARD MEETING

(Not bored)

Monday 5.30pm

@ Debs house



Formal Rotary meeting for Niamh Lavis our clubs exchange student meeting the Governor of Italy!



Niamh selling cakes for Rotary in Sardinia

Annic enjoying our coastline in Queensland for the long weekend



Roster of duties

Wednesday 11th Oct

Program- DG Visit

Chairman –Bill

Treasurer- Kerrie & Deb

Rotary Grace – Ron

Loyal Toast- Frank

International Toast – Gary P

Sergeant- Paul Miegel

Roster of duties

Wednesday 18th 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

October
celebrations



It ain't necessarily so but it is
Deb Rowe



The smiling Assassin
Graeme Campbell



Birthdays

Sally batten 5th Oct Naughty 40
Gary Poidevin 6th Oct
Deb Rowe 9th Oct
Lis Newham 14th Oct
Steve Kent 23rd Oct
Graeme Campbell 26th Oct BIG 80

Wedding Anniversaries

Alan Wilson 1st Oct 1961
David Potts 23rd Oct 1982

Subs Due

Rotary Club of Corowa

bsb : 082-559

account : 692592173

\$240 per member

- Do we have a doctor here?
- Yes, I'm a doctor.
- What's your specialty?
- I'm a doctor in Mathematics.
- My friend is dying.
- Minus one.



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