



# 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 Margaret Brown**

**The Bay of Islands Rotary Club, Paihia, New Zealand.**

The Club meets every Thursday at The Sandpit Poolroom and Bar, 16B Kings Road, Paihia @ 5.45pm for 6.15 pm start.

Graham and I had the pleasure of visiting the Club in August 2012 - doing a 'make up' - and we exchanged Club banners at that time. I hope that Kerrie will be able to publish their banner in the Bulletin this week.

I wrote to the secretary of the Club, who sent me the following information:

*Our current President is Thys Van Lingen and our membership is 24. Although only a small club, we are very active in our community and are often to be seen marshalling events such as Waitangi Day, the Paihia Fun Run and the Ocean Swim series.*

*In March 2024 we are organising and hosting the Paihia Colour Run, a fun event along the Paihia waterfront. Internationally, the club are strong supporters of ShelterBox and ERKs (Emergency Response Kits - introduced into New Zealand in 1983) and we also have recently sent good second-hand clothing to the Pacific Islands with the help of the St Johns op shop and local yachtsmen who took the clothes on their trips up there.*

*With all our very best wishes to your club,  
Kind regards,*

*Sue Hamnett*

*Secretary – Rotary Club of Bay of Islands.*



## Who was Fred Birks?

Australia's first district governor back in 1927/28 when there was only one district - district 65 and Australians second in 1928/29. Now we have 19 districts - reduced from 21 when a number of districts amalgamated.

In 1935 Paul Harris described Fred Birks as "the good old man of Rotary in Australia".

In his youth Fred Birks was a socialist and an idealist and in 1893 took part in that fascinating bit of Australian history where dissatisfied Australians sailed across to Paraguay to establish an idealist socialist colony which was doomed to failure.

A school was built on the ground of the Alexandra hospital in 1930 for crippled children, Fred Birks was a principled owner and the school was renamed in his honour.

All this information and more come from "Humanity in Action" celebrating 100 years of Rotary clubs in Australia and Ireland neighbours.

Rotarian Norm and entrusted this book to my safekeeping during his presidential year and it is available for everyone to borrow.

### Reports from around the room-

Regionalisation vote is no longer on the table for our district with an 87.6% vote against being involved.

Rotary Club of Corowa has had no applicants locally to participate in the Rotary Exchange Program, Our Club has agreed to sponsor a young lady from Melbourne who was unable to get a sponsor club for 2024/2025. Nova will come and address our Club at a later date.

Events Committee has asked if Corowa Rotary Club will man the gates at Bangerang Park for the 1<sup>st</sup> Dec Light Up Corowa. It will be a free entry but local businesses who are involved will be given a ticket to go into a barrel for raffle prizes.

Events committee has also requested if we would consider holding an easter market on the 31<sup>st</sup> March instead of the 8<sup>th</sup> April.



**Coffee Club continues to grow  
in Turkey!**







## Markets Sunday Roster

**Early start**-Geoff Nixon?, Ted, Neil, Dave M, Ian K, Bill B, Stacey, Deb & Kerrie

**Late shift**- Margaret, Graham, Robyn & Rosie

If anyone is available please feel free to come & help



## Charity Bowls Day

On Sunday Rotary Club of Corowa competed in the Murray River Police & Community Charity Bowls Day which was held in Howlong.

The event rose a little over \$5000 for the local cancer centre in Albury.

Annic was our teams skip and let's just say without her bowling expertise we may have not been able to get a score on our card.

Meanwhile Bill made friends with local Sergeant hoping it might help with keeping on the right side of the law!

### Roster of duties

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**Program- Game Night**

**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

### Roster of duties

**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



Corowa Rotary exchange student Annic Arnold from Switzerland showing Aussies how it's done.

### Roster of duties

**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

Annic made it into the Local paper

## Annette Schulz My Story

I was born Annette Muriel Lambert on the 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 1966 in Taree Manning District Hospital on the mid north coast NSW I am the first Child of John Lambert and Barbara I have 2 younger brothers Paul and Chris.

We lived in a small town 10 min west of Taree call Wingham surrounded by family members from both my Father and mothers family, I was fortunate to have Great grand parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and Cousins constantly present in my early years of life



My Fathers parents lived out of town on a small dairy farm so most weekends were spent on the farm when I was young, my mother's parents ran a café in Taree so visits to the shop were a treat, living only 25mins from the beach at Old Bar we would head to the beach after School most weeks in the summer

Wingham is a pretty town with an unusual square park in the middle of the main street that was used to play cricket on the weekends, it also has an area of subtropical rain forest in the centre of town next to the primary school with the Manning river flowing past on the other side that has thousands of flying foxes in the rain forest and spectacular trees

We moved from the Manning River to The Murray River Corowa in January 1977 as my Father was transferred to Corowa High School as a Geography / Social studies teacher

I went to Corowa Public School and was there for years 5 and 6, then attended Corowa High School leaving after year 10 1980 saw my parent's divorce and my Father transferred away, my mother chose to stay and went on to marry Angelo Presti from the Presti family who had the market garden in Edward Street Corowa

I wasn't very good at sport so only played netball for 1 year in the Saturday morning competition then retired at the age of 12 it was obvious it wasn't my game, I did enjoy playing squash after school in the junior competition through my high school years and continued on playing at the local squash club that is still located in the RSL into my adult life only retiring in my 40's

### My Family

After leaving school I met Wayne Schulz then after a couple of years we married 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 1989 at Saint Johns Anglican Church Corowa and started our family, we went on to have 4 children 3 boy and a daughter

They are Matthew 34, Leigh 31, Shannon 28 and Kristy 25

Matthew lives in Coffs Harbour about 4 blocks away from my father, and has been there for the past 10 years, he is a qualified tiler, has completed an Electrician apprenticeship and has been working at the Grafton jail since Covid, he is currently deciding what he would like to do next as he is wanting to move back to the area

Leigh is married to Emilie and they have 3 boys Jaxon 7, Kylo 5 and Sonny 4mths old and they live in Corowa, Leigh completed an Electrician apprenticeship with Rivalea and moved into programing at Rivalea, then the past 2 years he has moved over to Uncle Tobys working on projects and programing, Emilie is a qualified personal trainer and runs her own Gym Emfitt from their garage when she is not running after their 3 boys

Shannon has a partner Bianca and they have a baby daughter Bailee 6mths old and they also live in Corowa, Shannon is a welder working at Rivalea and currently completing a second apprenticeship as a fitter and turner and Bianca is a hairdresser and has her own business BB boutique specialising in doing hair for weddings and events in the area, she also works for Corowa Podiatry supporting the with the admin side of the business

Kristy our daughter has a partner Nick and they enjoy living out on the farm where Nick is employed at Sanger, Kristy completed Year 12 the gained Employment in the boning room at Rivalea, then moving to Corowa Furniture and floors after some time there she decided on a total career change and has been working for Talbot Shearing as a Rouse in the sheds, she has now completed shearing school and is gaining her speed and skill as a shearer and loves the work in the shearing sheds

### My working life

When I left School I had a couple of different jobs working at Gales Bakery, Corowa Electronics and The video Shop, then I moved onto Uncle Tobys where I started in plant 1 on the muesli bar line, the company expanded and built plant 2 and I became a leading hand on line 3, overtime I secured a position in the lab working in Quality Control in the plant, as I had Matthew the shift work became difficult and I moved into a position in the finished goods warehouse where I was responsible for the Chep pallet account and inventory, the hrs were much more family friendly

I was working in the warehouse the day it caught fire this was a very scary day to watch your work place burn, after this we were moved to temporary offices and then when the new warehouse was built we moved again with this moved my duties were expanded to include purchase orders for the trucking, invoicing, nationwide order entry, industrial orders, credits as well as Chep pallet account reconciliation, I work in this position with other great people and enjoyed my job

After having 3 boys and then Wayne going into business with Stewarts to start the Schulz and Stewart Mechanical repairs I resigned from Uncle Tobys and took on the roll of office admin for the workshop, we remained in the business for almost 12 years At this time I went to tafe and completed a MYOB course and all the subjects that cover book keeping of a small business Administration

After leaving the business I decided it was my turn to study and enrolled at Wodonga tafe studing Diploma of Remedial Massage this was a challenge to start with juggling family and study I would often have a text book in the car to read at kids pick up and drop off or to read at half time of the footy any stolen moment I could, this paid off as I finished my course in 2009 and received the Outstanding Achievement Award for our class

On completing my course the first year I would help out in the training rooms at Corowa and Wahgunyah football clubs not in the role as trainer but treating injuries on training nights

I opened a massage room at home taking bookings around family life, keeping me very busy, during Covid I stopped working and I now only work Fridays at Corowa Border Natural therapies as shoulder and hand issues have taken their toll, so I am winding down to retirement from massage, I will be looking out for my next challenge, so we will see what comes next

### **Volunteering**

Having a family means you always end up volunteering, I was always seem to run a taxi service for mine and other kids who needed a ride to and from their current activity

Outside of School my Kids were involved in Little athletics Indoor cricket Auskick, junior Cricket at Balldale, Junior Football at Buraja Corowa and Wahgunyah, Corowa Scouts, Dancing and Netball

When the boys were involved in Scouts it was over a period of 8yrs I was on the committee for 5 of those years holding various positions Secretary, Treasurer and committee member, I found the Scouting association to be a very professional organisation, supplying training for the committee to maintain their knowledge on running the group efficiently and professionally

After the boys finished attending Scouts they concentrated on Football when they played at Wahgunyah I volunteered doing many small jobs just helping out around the club after a few years I stepped onto the committee as Assistant Treasurer then the following year as Treasurer for 2 years, then back to assistant Treasurer for another 2 then committee member still supporting Treasurer and assistant Treasurer

This was a very challenging time but rewarding to support the club to run well for the Children playing Football and netball

My husband Wayne has been a member of Corowa Fire Brigade (now known as Fire Rescue NSW)

For the past 38 years and is currently the Deputy Captain

Over the years I have played a supporting role to Wayne and the Brigade, in the early years answering the phone when fire calls came in and setting off the pagers and phones, this was before the central call centres they have now

### **Hobbies**

As a family we have always enjoyed the Life of living on the Murray River spending many holidays camping, Fishing and water skiing, these days now our kids have all left home we have a caravan and try to get away as often as we can, our kids still join us as often as they can

I enjoy lots of different craft projects, scrapbooking, cooking, crocheting, sewing and reading when I find time

I also enjoy using and making DIY natural product for the home with essential oils and incorporating the essential oils into the massage I do, this is something I will continue as a hobby

My greatest Achievement has been raising our children and I am proud that they are a tight knit bunch that always look out for one and other

So life now is about me being a fulltime Nan, Mum, Wife and maybe a little work on the side

I would like to Thank all for accepting me into Rotary and I look forward to being an active member for our community

Annette Schulz



September  
celebrations



My mate Ian Brooks



Robyn Rhodes



## Birthdays

Jeanette Sheetz 1<sup>st</sup> September

Sandie Hunter 17<sup>th</sup> September

## Anniversaries

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

## Paul Harris Fellowship

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

## **Subs Due**

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\$240 per member



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