



# **ROTARY CLUB OF COROWA**

## **BULLETIN Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

### **March 2024 ISSUE 85**

### **EDITION 32**

**President Bill Bott AM, District Governor Neta Kirby,  
International President Gordon McNally**

**International Toast – supplied by Graeme Campbell**

Mana Tangata Thursdays at 6:00 PM

Rotary Lounge

25 Aotaki Street

Ōtaki, Wellington 5512

New Zealand

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**Rotary Information – supplied by Neil Davis**

**RYLA**

**District 9790 Rotary Youth Leadership Award**

In District 9790, the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) is an intensive program that brings young adults together from ages 18-30 to further develop character and leadership skills and learn about Rotary.

District 9790 RYLA is an experience-based conference consisting of 7 days and 6 nights. The RYLA Conference is organised by previous RYLArrians, Rotaractors and Rotarians from across the District.

Participants are nominated by local Rotary clubs or self-nominate after hearing about the conference through friends. The conference offers the opportunity to build self-confidence, gain exposure to a variety of issues and people, meet active community leaders, and learn valuable information and career skills.

RYLA gives young leaders and emerging leaders the opportunity to serving their own communities and beyond. In turn, RYLA can bring new energy to a Rotary district and club, inspire ideas for service, increase support of community service projects, and develop future Rotarians.

Each RYLA shares the following program objectives to:

- demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth
- encourage and assist young people in responsible and effective voluntary youth leadership by providing them with a valuable training experience
- foster continued and stronger leadership of youth by youth
- publicly recognise the many young people who are rendering service to their communities as youth leaders

# Richard Blackwood-



- Born in Scotland in 1963
- 1968 came to Australia and a lady said to his mum on the plane "What a lovely little girl you have" Mums reply was "he's not a wee lassie he is my wee laddie!" Richard was wearing his kilt.
- They lived in the Eastern suburbs of Melbourne
- Went to High School at Glen Waverly
- Joined police force in 1987
- Was painting at a friend's home when a friend of hers who was a police woman and Richard mentioned that he was interested in either being in the air force or perhaps a policeman? The police woman said straight away that "you wouldn't get in to be a policeman '. So there was the challenge and so from that Richard entered the Police force.
- Richard was stationed in the Eastern Suburbs
- When stationed at Box Hill he ate about 25-30 bananas a day and they nicknamed him after a gorilla from the Melbourne Zoo.
- Richard was the policeman that was breaking down doors
- Attended bar fights, suicides, domestic violence, car accidents
- It all took its toll on Richard and his family
- During Richards time in police force he was married 2 times
- 1<sup>st</sup> wife they had 3 children then came the vasectomy with his father in-laws encouragement!
- Married 2<sup>nd</sup> time reversal of the snip and then Richard and his then wife had 4 children together.
- All of Richards's children encouraged to help in the community helping those less fortunate than themselves.
- Richard was in the police force for 29 years & left due to health conditions 2 x heart attacks
- Richard has moved to Corowa due to his relationship with his partner Raelyn
- At this time in his life he has never felt such a connection with a town like Corowa were the people in the Community want to get to know you. Richard said it's great not to be a face in the crowd.



**Congrats to Graham winning the Muscat**

**Bad luck Janet you didn't get the bullseye!**

## Ride to Conference Report - Graham Brown

This will be the first year since 2009 - COVID years not with standing - that Corowa won't have members involved in 'Ride to Conference'. Two members were involved at Deniliquin last year - Neil supporting and Graham cycling.

Graham suggested that the Board may wish to consider making a donation to Australian Rotary Health through 'Ride to Conference' this year even though we are not involved.

Gary, speaking for the Board, said that this matter had already been discussed and passed by the Board.

Graham further suggested that, as per previous years, members may wish to make individual donations through 'Ride to Conference' as this would be encouraging to the Rotary Club of Numurkah who now supports the organisers.

As usual, members would be receipted by Australian Rotary Health

**NEXT  
WEDNESDAY  
Bullers Winery  
6pm  
For a  
6.30 Meeting**

One night, Mrs McMillen answers the door to see her husbands best friend,  
Paddy, standing on the doorstep.

"Hello Paddy, but where is my husband? He went with you to the beer factory"

Paddy shook his head. "Ah Mrs McMillen, there was a terrible accident at the  
beer factory, your husband fell into a vat of Guinness stout and drowned"

Mrs McMillen starts crying. "Oh don't tell me that, did he at least go quickly?"



Paddy shakes his head. "Not really - he got out 3 times to pee!"

## **KVE Roster**

6am start –

Neil , Bill B, Gary, Wally, David P, Graeme, Ian Brooks, David T, Sally, Kerrie

10.30 start-

Stephen, Howard, Browns, Helen, Stacey, Deb

March  
celebrations



### Roster of duties

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March Royal Hotel

Program – Niamh Lavis

Chairman – Mel

Treasurer – Stacey P

Grace – Ray T

Loyal – Alan Wilson

International Toast – Ian B

Rotary Info- Graeme C

Sergeant's help- Neil

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Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March Royal Hotel

Program – Michelle Hudson

Chairman – David T

Treasurer – Mel R

Grace – Stacey P

Loyal – Ray T

International Toast – Alan W

Rotary Info-Ian B

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## Birthdays

Paul Miegel 1<sup>st</sup> March 1960

St Patrick's Day 17<sup>th</sup> March

Mel Robinson 21<sup>st</sup> March 1952

Ian Brooks 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1939

David Talbot 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 1943

Adrienne Hartnett 24<sup>th</sup> March 1992

Ted Stephens 30<sup>th</sup> March 1951

Gurmej Singh 31<sup>st</sup> March 1957

## Inducted

Neil Davis 1<sup>st</sup> March 1986

Dave Milthorpe 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

SAM Gill 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Gurmej Singh 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Balvinder Kaur 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Bill Bott 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017



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