



Rotary Club Of Corowa



President: Stephen Apps

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Anton Therkildson & Mark Stones

Ecologically Sustainable Buildings

Anton and his wife Antoinette own and operate Valhalla Wines at Wahgunyah. They both came to Corowa in 1997 to stay for a short time, met, married started a family and the rest is history.

BUT one different part of the story is their passion for living as sustainably as possible. This was first evident when they constructed their winery building – made primarily from big straw bales. Our club has had a good relationship with Anton & Antoinette and we have covered the fascinating construction technique used for the Winery in previous issues.

Once their winery was established Anton & Antoinette planned to construct an ecologically sustainable residence on their winery land. The straw bales construction method appealed to them and they engaged progressive Rutherglen builder Mark Stones to take on the unusual project.

Although utilising straw bales, the house construction differs markedly from the winery building because the house has a near conventional timber frame on a concrete slab with the straw bales forming the wall fill (whereas the winery used the straw bales as the entire load bearing frame for the roof of the building). Mark and Anton enthusiastically explained how the house was designed and built to meet their expectations of a building that will have as light an impact on the environment as can be reasonably done.

As an interested spectator at the open day held earlier this year, I endorse the workmanship and design that have been employed to produce an unusual but very handsome family residence.



Rotary Graces:

Oh Lord, the giver of all good,
We thank you for our daily food.
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways,
Help us to serve you all our days.
Amen

For good food, for good fellowship, and the
opportunity for service in Rotary, we give
thanks, **Amen**

Rotary 4 way Test:

- 1: Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2: Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3: Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4: Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



The Rotary Club of Corowa

On To Conference 2012/2013



Let's pull together and support President Stephen and have a good contingent of Corowa Rotarians and partners go to Conference this year!!

Venue - Ballarat - Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts

Theme - Discover the Gold in Rotary!

Dates - 14th to 17th March 2013 (or any combination thereof)

Details - pp34 to 36, D9790 Information Directory with lift out Conference Booking form

Your 'On to Conference' convenors have been busy and have sussed out a suitable motel in the CBD.

MidCity Motel, 19 Doveton Street, North Ballarat

View on line at www.midcity.biz

Contact at 03 5327 7588 or reception@midcity.biz

Costs \$150 double, \$155 twin, \$165 family

Discount - over 50's, RACV/NRMA membership - 10%

Deposit - \$50 per room per night

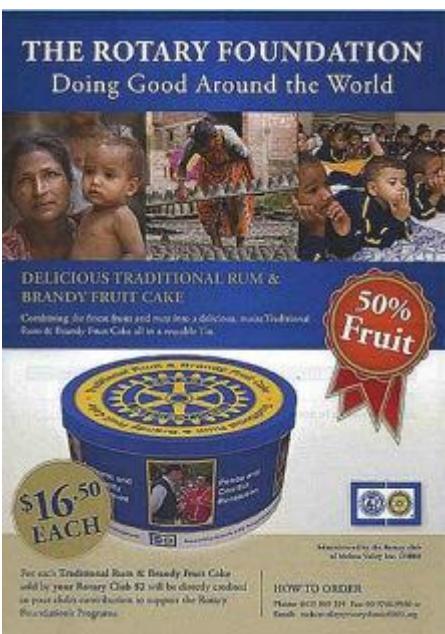


Envisaged is that most delegates will book for the Friday / Saturday nights. 'Ride to conference' delegates will be there on the Thursday and may register for the Sportsman's Dinner. A Club Fellowship Dinner will be arranged for the Friday evening at the 'MidCity Bar and Grill'. Members can car pool to the Conference Centre. Some partners may wish to check out the CBD shops and cafes and car pool to Wendouree at their leisure.

Your 'On to Conference' convenors will be asking of you the question in the next few weeks. We would like a YES, HOPEFULLY or SORRY response please!??!

Let's act now, be intentional, support our President and aim to restore our 'On to Conference' Culture of yesteryear. Remember BRISBANE in June 2003 when 2/3 of the Club attended!!

Your 'On to Conference' Convenors - Chris Erickson and Graham Brown



Things to keep in Mind:

Bus trip to Beechworth:

19th August: Highland Games. See Gary P if going - Bus will be leaving Corowa at about 9.00am . This is a great opportunity to bring a potential member!!!

Dinner Corowa Golf Club:

RC of Corowa:	Wednesday 29/8/12	6/9/12	13/9/12
Program	Dinner at Corowa Golf Club (usual time)	Club Assembly	
Chairman	Paul M	Stephen	Chris E
Treasurer	Ian C	Neil D	Stephen
Rotary Grace	David P	Ian C	Neil D
Loyal Toast	Noreen	Don B	Ian C
International Toast	John L	Margaret B	Don B
Rotary Information	Graeme C	Graham B	Margaret B
Sergeants Help	Wally C	Graeme C	Graham B



From last week's meeting:

Rotary Information – Wally commenced a detailed dissertation on the exact specifications required to draw or reproduce a correctly proportioned Rotary Wheel. He outlined the relative distances from the centre to... (3 pages deleted here- Ed.) ... and that's how you construct an image of the Rotary Wheel.

Raffle – Graeme Campbell (who apparently was once a redhead too??)

Card draw – Ian Brooks (Jack of Hearts)



At the Highland Games Beechworth, last Sunday

Gail and Stephen with their Scot! Unfortunately they paid good money for a second rater! Good day was had by all nonetheless.



**The Rotary Club Of Corowa meets every Thursday
at the Corowa RSL Club: 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start**

President 2012-2013: Rotarian Stephen Apps

Secretary: Rotarian Noreen Miller

Treasurer: Rotarian John Law

Vice President: Rotarian Paul Mowlam

President Elect 2013-14: Rotarian Ian Carrington

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